# TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE Highland Lake, Alabama

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Town Council Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparison statement of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparison statement of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama, as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements 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 by us. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, the combining and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Lori Criswell & Associates, P.C.

Snead, Alabama November 13, 2018

# TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE 612 LAKESHORE DRIVE HIGHLAND LAKE, AL 35121

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Town of Highland Lake's discussion and analysis (MD&A) is designed to provide an objective and easy to read analysis of the Town's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is intended to provide a broad overview and analysis of the Town's activities based on information presented in the financial report and fiscal policies that have been adopted by the Town. Specifically, this section is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant issues, provide an overview of the Town's financial activity, identify changes in the Town's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), identify any material deviations from the financial plan, and identify individual fund issues or concerns.

As with other sections of this financial report, the information contained within this MD&A should be considered only a part of a greater whole. The reader of this statement should take time to read and evaluate all sections of this report, including the footnotes and the other Required Supplemental Information (RSI) that is provided in addition to this MD&A.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. Both statements represent an overview of the Town as a whole. All information is presented utilizing the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. This method better matches revenues and expenses to the period in which the revenue is earned and the expense attributed.

The focus of the Statement of Net Position (the "Unrestricted Net Position") is designed to be similar to a bottom line for the Town and its governmental activities. This statement combines and consolidates governmental fund's current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets (note: infrastructure will be added at a later date, see "Infrastructure Assets" below) and long-term obligations.

The Statement of Activities is focused on both the gross and net cost of various activities (including governmental), which are provided by the government's general tax and other revenues. This is intended to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services and the local taxing effort necessary to sustain each of those activities.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Governmental Funds presentation is presented on a sources and uses of liquid resources basis. This is the manner in which the financial plan (the budget) is typically developed. The flow and availability of liquid resources is a clear and appropriate focus of any analysis of a government. Funds are established for various purposes and the Fund Financial Statements allow the demonstration of sources and uses and/or budgeting compliance associated therewith. The Government Funds Total column requires reconciliation because of the

different measurement focus (current financial resources versus total economic resources) which is reflected on the page following each statement. The flow of current financial resources will reflect debt proceeds and interfund transfers as other financial sources as well as capital expenditures and debt principal payments as expenditures. The reconciliation will eliminate these transactions and incorporate the capital assets and long-term obligations into the Governmental Activities column (in the Government-wide statements).

The Town maintains three governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the street \$.07 state gas tax fund, and the street \$.04 and \$.05 state gas tax fund, which are considered to be major funds.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. Refer to Note 1 to the financial statements for more detailed information on the elements of the financial statements.

#### **Infrastructure Assets**

The Town is a phase three government which were not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets and record accumulated depreciation on those assets. Beginning October 1, 2003, the Town capitalized any infrastructure assets as they have been constructed. Historically, governmental fixed assets, particularly infrastructure assets, have only been accounted for using the current financial resources (budgeted resources) method, and have not been expensed annually through depreciation or accounted for otherwise.

#### **Analysis of the Overall Financial Position and Results of Operations**

In evaluating the financial position and short-term financial performance of the Town, two tools are particularly valuable: The Statement of Net Position (see page 7) and the Statement of Activities (see page 8).

Net Position of the Town represents the difference between Assets and Liabilities of the Town using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Had the Town accounted for its infrastructure assets, Net Position Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt, would have been significantly higher.

In general terms, the Town's Total Assets and Deferred Outflows consist of Cash, Receivables, Prepaid Insurance and Accrued Property Tax Revenue: \$461,729 for the General Fund, \$100 for the .07 gas tax fund, and \$100 for the .04 and .05 gas tax fund; and Capital Assets of \$245,068.

The Town's Liabilities and Deferred Inflows consist of Accounts Payable, Payroll Tax Liabilities and Deferred Property Tax Revenue: \$78,288 for the General Fund.

The Governmental Activities of the Town consist of normal operating expenditures for the General Fund, which includes the Highland Lake Police Department and supporting the Straight Mountain Fire and Rescue Department. The Gas Tax Funds are remitted monthly to the county who has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the existing Town roads.

Governmental Activities General Revenues consist of Advalorem and Personal Property Taxes, Motor Vehicle Taxes and Licenses, State Appropriations, Licenses and Permits and other revenue: \$197,692 for the General Fund. Program Revenues consist of \$6,578 for police fines and \$18,038 for operating and capital grants.

The gas tax funds have no general revenues due to their revenues being restricted for highway and street capital purposes. Those restricted revenues have been assigned to the County, and are therefore, not reflected in the Town's financial statements.

Expenses of the Town are in line with the revenue. There are no known or planned expenditures that will out pace the Town revenue for next year.

#### **Budget Variances in the General and Gasoline Tax Funds**

Please refer to page 15 of the audited financial statements for the budget detail. In the Town's opinion, expectations were met.

#### **Capital Assets**

There were no significant changes in the current fiscal year. Refer to Note 4 to the financial statements for additional information.

#### **Economic Factors**

The Town relies on state shared gasoline taxes for improvements to highways and streets and a franchise fee from the power company for its governmental activities.

The levels of taxes, fees, and charges for services have a direct bearing on the Town's ability to provide services to its citizens.

Lake use fees are growing and this allows the Town to accomplish capital improvements without acquiring debt.

#### **Future Plans for the Town of Highland Lake**

The Town of Highland Lake provides a lake and recreational area for the community and others. The Council and administration will continue focus on projects to preserve the lake and recreational properties owned by the Town.

Our dredging plans for the lake remain on hold pending a decision as to when to lower the lake and attempt a dry land clean out. Dry land clean out result in a significant saving for the Town compared to deep water dredging. However, we maintain a contract with Tetra Tech as we work to finalize the overall project in the best direction for the Town.

Future projects include determining a solution / purchase of a Town boat, relocating our boat launch and finalize decision on boat slips. We will review extending our walking path and increasing the use of the park through concerts and other sponsored events.

Administrative guidelines established to oversee participation in the Federal LESO Equipment Acquisition Program. Prior approval by the Mayor is now required on all requests.

The Town continues to see an upturn in the economic growth, with new houses, boat houses and piers being built, and an increase in sales of existing real estate.

The Town will continue to focus on efforts to maintain the cleanliness and eco-system of the lake, and the safety of the community. Funds are available for these and other improvement projects. The Town has no outstanding debt at this time.

#### **Contacting the Town's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, please contact the Town of Highland Lake, 612 Lakeshore Drive, Highland Lake, Alabama 35121, phone 205-625-6407.

# **Financial Analysis**

The following comparative condensed financial statements serve as the key financial data and indicators for management's monitoring and planning. The financial statements are studied in depth to detect trends, project growth and prepare budgets for the upcoming year.

Town of Highland Lake Condensed Financial Statements For the Years Ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
			Varia	ance	
<b>Condensed Statement of Net Position</b>	2018	2017	Dollars	Percent	
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 383,882	\$ 344,114	\$ 39,768	11.56%	
Receivables	1,373	1,331	42	3.16%	
Capital Assets	245,068	267,243	(22,175)	-8.30%	
Other	4,074	3,976	98	2.46%	
Accrued Property Tax Revenue	72,600	71,679	921	1.28%	
Total Assets	706,997	688,343	18,654	2.71%	
Current Liabilities	5,688	4,833	855	17.69%	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	72,600	71,679	921	1.28%	
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	78,288	76,512	1,776	2.32%	
Net Position:					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	245,068	267,243	(22,175)	-8.30%	
Restricted	21,249	7,511	13,738	182.91%	
Unrestricted	362,392	337,077	25,315	7.51%	
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 628,709	\$ 611,831	\$ 16,878	2.76%	

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	Governmental Activities						
				Vari	ance of 2018	Actual Data	to:
	20	18	2017	2018 B	udget	<b>2017</b> A	Actual
<b>Condensed Statement of Activities</b>	Actual	Budget	Actual	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Revenues:							
Program Revenues							
Charges for Services	\$ 6,578	\$ -	\$ 10,057	\$ 6,578	-	\$ (3,479)	-34.59%
Operating Grants and Contributions	11,658	-	8,926	11,658	-	2,732	30.61%
Capital Grants and Contributions	6,380		6,380	6,380			0.00%
Total Program Revenues	24,616		25,363	24,616		(747)	97.05%
General Revenues and Payments							
Taxes	69,967	69,500	71,409	467	0.67%	(1,442)	-2.02%
Intergovernmental	7,299	12,400	6,351	(5,101)	-41.14%	948	14.93%
Business Licenses and Permits	93,583	91,200	111,034	2,383	2.61%	(17,451)	-15.72%
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	-	-	(786)	_,555	-	786	-100.00%
Other	2,227	5,210	2,460	(2,983)	-57.26%	(233)	-9.47%
Total General Revenues and Payment	173,076	178,310	190,468	(5,234)	-2.94%	(17,392)	-9.13%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	197,692	178,310	215,831	19,382	10.87%	(18,139)	-8.40%
Program Expenses							
General Government	124,964	117,214	196,657	7,750	6.61%	(71,693)	-36.46%
Public Safety	55,745	48,600	46,896	7,145	14.70%	8,849	18.87%
Highway and Street	105	12,496	318	(12,391)	-99.16%	(213)	-66.98%
Interest Expense	-						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	180,814	178,310	243,871	2,504	1.40%	(63,057)	-25.86%
Excess (Deficiency) Before							
Other Sources and Uses	16,878	-	(28,040)	16,878	-	44,918	-160.19%
Other Sources and Uses	-				-		_
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	16,878	-	(28,040)	16,878	-	44,918	-160.19%
Beginning Net Position	611,831		639,871	611,831		(28,040)	-4.38%
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	\$628,709	\$ -	\$611,831	\$628,709	_	\$ 16,878	2.76%



# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

		overnmental Activities
<u>ASSETS</u>	·	-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$	181,429
Certificates of Deposit		202,453
Receivables		
Due From Other Governments		969
Accrued Interest		404
Accrued Property Tax Revenue		72,600
Prepaid Insurance		4,074
		461,929
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Land and Construction in Progress		12,475
Other Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		232,593
		245,068
TOTAL ASSETS		706,997
LIABILITIES  CURRENT LIABILITIES  Accounts Payable		3,630
Payroll Tax Liabilities		2,058
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,688
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		72,600
NET POSITION  Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted Unrestricted		245,068 21,249 362,392
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	628,709

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

					Duo outo	ma Daviania				pense) Revenue
			Charges				(	Capital ants and	and Changes in Net Pos Primary Governmental	
	I	Expenses		Services		ntributions		tributions		Activities
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS Primary Government										
Governmental Activities				4.500						
General Government	\$	124,964	\$	4,290	\$	- (2.000)	\$	-	\$	(120,674)
Public Safety		55,745		2,288		(2,080)		6,380		(49,157)
Highway and Street		105				13,738				13,633
	\$	180,814	\$	6,578	\$	11,658	\$	6,380		(156,198)
					Genera Taxe	al Revenues				
					A	dvalorem ar	nd Pers	onal Property	/	61,677
					N	Iotor Vehicle	e Taxes	s and License	es	8,290
					State	Appropriat	ions			7,299
					Lice	nses and Per	mits			93,583
					Othe	er			_	2,227
										173,076
					Change	e in Net Pos	ition			16,878
					Net Po	sition - Begi	inning			611,831
					Net Po	sition - Endi	ing		\$	628,709

# BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** 

		General Fund	Sta	ad Fund ate \$.07 as Tax	Roa State	pecial ad Fund \$.04 and Gas Tax	Go	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS Cash	\$	181,229	\$	100	\$	100	\$	181,429
Certificates of Deposit	Ψ	202,453	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	202,453
Receivables		,						•
Due From Other Governments		969		-		-		969
Accrued Interest		404		-		-		404
Accrued Property Tax Revenue		72,600		-		-		72,600
Prepaid Insurance		4,074			-			4,074
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	461,729	\$	100	\$	100	\$	461,929
<u>LIABILITIES</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$	3,630	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,630
Payroll Tax Liabilities		2,058						2,058
		5,688		-		-		5,688
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		<b></b> 100						
Deferred Property Tax Revenue		72,600		-		-		72,600
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable								
Prepaid Insurance Restricted		4,074		-		-		4,074
Highway and Street Assigned		21,249						21,249
Highway and Street		-		100		100		200
Unassigned		358,118						358,118
		383,441		100		100		383,641
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED								
INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCES	\$	461,729	\$	100	\$	100	\$	461,929

# RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** 

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		\$ 383,641
Total Net Position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:  Land and Construction in Progress  Buildings and Improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$40,573  Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$62,708	\$ 12,475 95,348 27,824	
Lake Improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$348,239 Land Improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$18,985 Vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation of \$43,868	 46,798 56,956 5,667	 245,068
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 628,709

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	General Fund	Road Fund State \$.07 Gas Tax	Special Road Fund State \$.04 and \$.05 Gas Tax	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 69,967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,967
Licenses and Permits	93,583	-	-	93,583
Fines	2,288	-	-	2,288
Intergovernmental	25,337	-	_	25,337
Other	6,517			6,517
	197,692			197,692
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	104,935	-	-	104,935
Public Safety	50,349	-	-	50,349
Highway and Street	105	-	-	105
Appropriations	3,250	-	-	3,250
Capital Outlay				
	158,639			158,639
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	39,053	-	-	39,053
FUND BALANCES - Beginning	344,388	100	100	344,588
FUND BALANCES - Ending	\$ 383,441	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 383,641

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ 39,053

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

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 (\$22,175) exceeds capital outlay (\$0).

(22,175)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

16,878

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Actual	Original Budget	Amendment	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 69,967	\$ 69,500	\$ -	\$ 69,500
Licenses and Permits	93,583	91,200	-	91,200
Fines	2,288	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	25,337	12,400	-	12,400
Other	6,517	5,210		5,210
	197,692	178,310		178,310
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	104,935	102,178	-	102,178
Public Safety	50,349	48,600	-	48,600
Highway and Street	105	12,496	-	12,496
Appropriations	3,250	3,336	-	3,336
Capital Outlay		11,700		11,700
	158,639	178,310		178,310
Excess of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	39,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND BALANCE - Beginning	344,388			
FUND BALANCE - Ending	\$ 383,441			

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** 

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

#### **REPORTING ENTITY**

The Town of Highland Lake, Alabama is a municipality governed by an elected mayor and town council. The Town's major operations include management of the lake, providing police protection for its citizens, maintenance of streets, and general administrative services.

In evaluating how to define the Town for financial reporting purposes, all potential component units were considered. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a component unit within the reporting entity is the Town's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is defined to include, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. The Town has no component units.

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Town) and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. The primary government and component units are presented separately within the financial statements with the focus on the primary government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues 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, fines, 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 are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund.* This is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** 

Road Fund State \$.07 Gas Tax. The State Gasoline Tax Funds receive revenues from the State 7-cent gasoline tax and 2-cent Inspection Fee on motor fuels. These funds are restricted for the repair and maintenance of the Town's streets and street lights.

Special Road Fund State \$.04 and \$.05 Gas Tax. The State Gasoline Tax Funds receive revenues from the State 4-cent, 5-cent, the State Motor Vehicle, and the additional excise tax. These funds are restricted for the repair and maintenance of the Town's streets and street lights.

During the year ended September 30, 2006, the Town assigned these state gasoline tax revenues to the Blount County Commission and the responsibility of maintenance of the Town's roads.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting**

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Town considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes, gasoline taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. 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.

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 are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

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#### ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION OR EQUITY

#### **Deposits and Investments**

The Town is restricted to depositing and investing in accounts that are fully insured by the federal government.

#### **Receivables and Payables**

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Receivables are reported as *Receivables* and *Due from Other Governments* in the government-wide financial statements and as *Receivables*, *Due from Other Funds*, and *Due from Other Governments* in the fund financial statements. Receivables due from other governments include amounts due from grantors for grants issued for specific programs and local taxes.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that benefit future accounting periods and are recorded on the consumption basis. They are similarly reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **Property Tax Calendar**

The Blount County Commission levies property taxes for all jurisdictions including the school boards and municipalities within the county. Millage rates for property taxes are levied at the first regular meeting of the County Commission in February of each year. Property taxes are assessed for property as of October 1 of the preceding year based on the millage rates established by the County Commission. Property taxes are due and payable the following October 1 and are delinquent after December 31.

#### **Capital Assets**

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. General infrastructure assets, which include road network, bridges, sidewalks, etc., are only those acquired or that receive substantial improvements subsequent to September 30, 2003. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

Asset Class	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>	Capitalization <u>Thresholds</u>
Infrastructure	30	\$ 5,000
Buildings	40	\$ 5,000
Building improvements	20	\$ 5,000
Vehicles	2-15	\$ 5,000
Office equipment	3-15	\$ 1,000

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#### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then.

#### **Equity Classifications**

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

- a) Net Investment in Capital Assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- b) Restricted consists of external constraints placed on net position use imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c) Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the Town.

In governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified based primarily on the extent to which the Town is bound to observe constraints imposed on the use of the resources in the fund as follows:

- a) Nonspendable fund balances Consist of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (i) not in spendable form or (ii) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts. It also includes the long-term amount of loans and notes receivable, if any.
- b) Restricted fund balances Consist of amounts with constraints placed on the use either by (i) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (ii) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c) Committed fund balances Consist of resource balances with constraints imposed by formal action of the Town through resolution or public meeting minutes that specifically state the revenue source and purpose of the commitment. Commitments can only be modified or rescinded through public meeting actions or resolutions by the Town. Commitments can also include resources required to meet contractual obligations approved by the Town.
- d) Assigned fund balances Consist of resource balances intended to be used for specific purposes by authorized Town management that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In the General Fund, the assigned fund balance represents management approved encumbrances that

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- have been re-appropriated in the subsequent year, and amounts necessary to fund budgetary shortfalls in the next fiscal year from unassigned resources.
- e) Unassigned fund balances Consist of all resource balances in the General Fund not contained in other classifications. For other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed or assigned.

Based on the Town's policy regarding the fund balance classification as noted above, when both restricted and unrestricted funds are available for expenditure, restricted funds should be spent first unless legal requirements disallow it. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed funds are to be spent first, assigned funds second, and unassigned funds last.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Formal integration of budgets is used as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. These budgets are adopted on the cash basis of accounting. Since the financial statements are prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (modified accrual), there may be some timing differences between the budgetary data and financial statement data; however, these would be immaterial. The Mayor and Council approve the budgets. For the year ended September 30, 2018, total budgeted inflows for the governmental funds were \$178,310 and total budgeted outflows were \$178,310. Unused appropriations for all of the annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### **NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

As of September 30, 2018, the Town's bank deposits were insured through the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or were covered by the State of Alabama's Security of Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) Program. The SAFE Program was established by the Alabama Legislature and is governed by the provisions contained in the Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 41-14A-1 through 41-14A-14. Under the SAFE Program all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasurer's Office. Under this program, financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that financial institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). If the securities pledged failed to produce adequate funds, every institution participating in the pool would share the liability for the remaining balance.

#### **NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts Receivable at September 30, 2018 consists of the amounts due from Blount County for Taxes of \$969.

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# **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Information related to property, plant and equipment of the Town for the year ended September 30, 2018 was as follows:

	Balance at September 30, 2017	Increases	Decreases	Balance at September 30, 2018
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and Land Rights	\$ 12,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,475
Construction in Progress, Net Change				-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	12,475	-		12,475
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	135,921	-	-	135,921
Equipment	90,532	-	-	90,532
Lake Improvements	395,037	-	-	395,037
Land Improvements	75,941	-	-	75,941
Vehicles	49,535			49,535
	746,966			746,966
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	36,726	3,847	-	40,573
Equipment	57,535	5,173	-	62,708
Lake Improvements	340,881	7,358	-	348,239
Land Improvements	15,188	3,797	-	18,985
Vehicles	41,868	2,000		43,868
	492,198	22,175		514,373
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	254,768	(22,175)		232,593
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ 267,243	\$ (22,175)	\$ -	\$ 245,068

Depreciation expense was charged to the primary government as follows:

General Police	\$ 16,779 5,396
	\$ 22,175

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#### **NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs and worker's compensation. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

#### **NOTE 6 - GRANTS AND AWARDS**

In the normal course of operations, the Town receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement that may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

#### NOTE 7 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Town receives franchise revenue from Alabama Power Company which approximates 15.61% of the general fund's total revenue. During the year ended September 30, 2018, the Town received \$30,866.

#### **NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Town evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. The Town evaluated subsequent events through November 13, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OF THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

# **GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the Town except those which must be accounted for in other funds. It receives a variety of general revenues. These resources finance all of the current operations of general government activities which basically benefit the citizenry as a whole.

# BALANCE SHEETS - GENERAL FUND

# SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	 2018	2017		
ASSETS Cash Certificates of Deposit Receivables	\$ 181,229 202,453	\$	143,163 200,751	
Due From Other Governments Accrued Interest Accrued Property Tax Revenue Prepaid Insurance	 969 404 72,600 4,074		1,080 251 71,679 3,976	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 461,729	\$	420,900	
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 3,630 2,058	\$	2,694 2,139	
	 5,688		4,833	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred Property Tax Revenue	72,600		71,679	
FUND BALANCE Nonspendable				
Prepaid Insurance Restricted for Highway and Street Unassigned	4,074 21,249 358,118		3,976 - 340,412	
	 383,441		344,388	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 461,729	\$	420,900	

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	 2018	2017		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 69,967	\$	71,409	
Licenses and Permits	93,583		111,034	
Fines	2,288		4,282	
Intergovernmental	25,337		21,657	
Other	 6,517		8,235	
	 197,692		216,617	
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	104,935		155,896	
Public Safety	50,349		48,979	
Highway and Street	105		318	
Appropriations	3,250		3,336	
Capital Outlay	 		14,286	
	 158,639		222,815	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	39,053		(6,198)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds From Sale of Assets	 		1,000	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other				
Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	39,053		(5,198)	
FUND BALANCE - Beginning	 344,388		349,586	
FUND BALANCE - Ending	\$ 383,441	\$	344,388	

# SCHEDULES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2018	2017
TAXES Ad Valorem and Personal Property Auto Licenses	\$ 61,677 8,290	\$ 61,893 9,516
	69,967	71,409
LICENSES AND PERMITS  Business Licenses and Permits  Lake Usage Fees  Building Permits and Electrical Inspections	45,341 41,088 7,154	48,677 47,956 14,401
Bunding I emits and Electrical Inspections	93,583	111,034
FINES	2,288	4,282
INTERGOVERNMENTAL State Oil and Gas Appropriation State Sales Tax Allocation County Sales Tax Allocation Grant Income	4,490 2,809 13,738 4,300 25,337	4,484 1,867 7,511 7,795
OTHER Anchor Rental Interest Miscellaneous	4,290 2,152 75 6,517	5,775 1,902 558 8,235
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 197,692	\$ 216,617

# SCHEDULES OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	 2018		2017	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,683	\$	32,197	
Payroll Taxes	2,822		3,089	
Inspections	4,390		8,190	
Insurance	12,315		12,336	
Utilities	7,674		6,570	
Telephone	1,835		1,791	
Legal	7,289		1,875	
Accounting and Audit	3,800		3,500	
Other Professional Fees	1,628		2,504	
Office Supplies	1,095		1,112	
Postage and Freight	339		413	
Dues, Fees, and Bonds	732		1,199	
Repairs and Maintenance	25,900		34,601	
Lake - Fish Study	2,500		-	
Lake - Dredging Permitting and Design	-		1,614	
Lake - Dredging	-		43,616	
Advertising and Public Relations	456		748	
Travel	317		348	
Miscellaneous	 160		193	
	 104,935		155,896	
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police				
Salaries	35,545		30,399	
Payroll Taxes	2,719		2,325	
Dispatch	1,501		1,936	
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	 10,584		14,319	
	 50,349		48,979	

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# SCHEDULES OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION (Continued)

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2018	2017		
HIGHWAY AND STREET Paving, Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 105	\$ 318		
APPROPRIATIONS  Economic Development Council  Volunteer Fire Department  Local School  Blount County Animal Shelter	1,000 1,750 500 3,250	836 1,000 1,000 500 3,336		
CAPITAL OUTLAY General Police Park	- - - -	7,906 6,380 - 14,286		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 158,639	\$ 222,815		

#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are established to account for revenues allocated by law or contractual agreement for specific purposes. The State Gasoline Tax Funds receive revenues from the State 4-cent, 5-cent and 7-cent gasoline taxes, the State Motor Fuel 2-cent Inspection Fee on motor fuels, State motor vehicle license, and excise tax. These funds are restricted for the repair and maintenance of the Town's streets and street lights.

# COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

# SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

		2018						2017					
<u>ASSETS</u>	9	d Fund State Gas Tax	Special Road Fund State \$.04 and \$.05 Gas Tax		Total (Memorandum Only)		Road Fund State \$.07 Gas Tax		Special Road Fund State \$.04 and \$.05 Gas Tax		(Mem	Fotal norandum Only)	
Cash	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	
Due From Other Governments													
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALAN	<u>CE</u>												
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
FUND BALANCE Assigned - Streets		100		100		200		100		100		200	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	

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# COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

		2018						2017						
	S	d Fund tate Gas Tax	State \$.04 and (Memo		Total norandum Only)	Road Fund State \$.07 Gas Tax		Special Road Fund State \$.04 and \$.05 Gas Tax		(Men	Fotal norandum Only)			
REVENUES Intergovernmental Gasoline Tax Petroleum Inspection Fees Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$	- - -	\$	- - -	\$	- - - -	\$	- - -	\$	- - -	\$	- - -		
EXPENDITURES Street Paving, Repairs and Maintenance				<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>						
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-		<del>-</del>				-		<del>-</del> _				
FUND BALANCE - Beginning		100		100		200		100		100		200		
FUND BALANCE - Ending	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200	\$	100	\$	100	\$	200		