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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Byhalia, Mississippi

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 Byhalia, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, 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.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 auditors' 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof 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, the schedule of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of the Town's contributions on pages 3-11, 43-47, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards 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 Byhalia, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements and other supplementary schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund financial statements and the other supplementary information 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, the individual fund financial statements and the other supplementary schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2022 on our consideration of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Tupelo, Mississippi  
September 15, 2022

# **TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **Required Supplementary Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

This section of the Town of Byhalia's Financial Report presents our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Town of Byhalia financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$15,497,876. Of this amount, \$2,670,893 may be used to meet the Town of Byhalia's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. This compares to the previous year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$14,067,892, of which \$1,337,023 was available to meet the Town's ongoing obligations.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Byhalia's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,232,458, an increase of \$445,259 in comparison to the prior year. Approximately 73% of the combined fund balances, \$900,083, is considered unassigned and is available for spending at the Town of Byhalia's discretion.
- The Town of Byhalia's total debt is \$2,930,876. New debt in the amount of \$65,158 was issued in the current fiscal year. Debt in the amount of \$121,303 was repaid during the current fiscal year.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of four parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and an optional section that presents combining statements for non-major governmental funds. The basic financial statements include two types of statements that present different views of the Town of Byhalia.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town of Byhalia's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town of Byhalia's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The Governmental Funds statements tell how general government services such as public safety was financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The Town of Byhalia has two Governmental Fund types: General Fund & Special Revenue Fund.

Proprietary fund statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates in a similar manner as businesses, and include the Water, Sewer and Gas System funds.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with combining statements that provide details about our non-major governmental funds, each of which are added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements.

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Town of Byhalia's financial statements, including the portion of the Town of Byhalia they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-1

### Major Features of the Town of Byhalia's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire Town Government (except fiduciary funds) and the Town's component units.	The activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as police, fire, and parks and recreation	Activities the Town operates similar to private businesses: Water, Sewer and Gas System.
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Position; Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet; Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; Statement of Net Cash Flows
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid



# **TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the Town of Byhalia as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Town of Byhalia's net position and how they have changed. Net position—the difference between the Town of Byhalia's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Town of Byhalia's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town of Byhalia's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Town of Byhalia, the reader should consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the Town of Byhalia's property tax base.
- *Governmental activities* –Most of the Town of Byhalia's basic services are included here, such as the police, fire, public works, and parks and recreation departments, and general administration. Property taxes, sales and use taxes, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities* – The Town of Byhalia charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The Town of Byhalia's water, sewer and gas systems services are included here.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town of Byhalia's most significant funds—not the Town as a whole. The "fund" level is where the basic unit of financial organization and operation within the Town of Byhalia exists. Funds are accounting tools that are used to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. They are the basic budgetary and accounting entities.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Board of Alderman establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.



## TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Town of Byhalia has two types of funds:

- **Governmental funds**—most of the Town of Byhalia's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that help determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town of Byhalia's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them. The measurement focus of governmental funds is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balance of financial resources) rather than upon net income determination. These funds are maintained on a modified accrual basis of accounting (explained further in the notes to the financial statements under "Summary of significant Accounting Policies"). The basic financial statements for governmental funds are the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. The Town of Byhalia utilizes two types of governmental funds: the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund.
- **Proprietary funds**—Services for which the Town of Byhalia charges customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long- and short-term financial information. The Town has only one type of proprietary funds—enterprise funds. The Town of Byhalia's enterprise funds are the same as its business-type activities yet provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The measurement focus of proprietary funds is upon determination of net income, financial position and change in financial position. These funds are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. The Statement of Fund Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and Statement of Cash Flows are all required statements.

### Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Town of Byhalia's assets exceeded liabilities by \$15,497,876 at the close of the most recent fiscal year, compared to \$14,067,892 in the prior year.

A large portion, 82 percent and 90 percent, of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (such as land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; however, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Table A-1**

## Town of Byhalia's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Restated		Restated		Restated	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,532,356	\$ 1,091,471	\$ 6,299,541	\$ 5,054,407	\$ 7,831,897	\$ 6,145,878
Noncurrent Assets	<u>7,868,856</u>	<u>7,940,709</u>	<u>7,726,278</u>	<u>7,763,192</u>	<u>15,595,134</u>	<u>15,703,901</u>
Total Assets	9,401,212	9,032,180	14,025,819	12,817,599	23,427,031	21,849,779
Deferred Outflows	<u>255,840</u>	<u>220,799</u>	<u>97,423</u>	<u>81,150</u>	<u>353,263</u>	<u>301,949</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	255,840	220,799	97,423	81,150	353,263	301,949
Current and Other Liabilities	99,115	99,692	1,302,340	1,130,906	1,401,455	1,230,598
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>2,558,592</u>	<u>3,156,485</u>	<u>3,293,951</u>	<u>3,561,211</u>	<u>5,852,543</u>	<u>6,717,696</u>
Total Liabilities	2,657,707	3,256,177	4,596,291	4,692,117	7,253,998	7,948,294
Deferred Inflows	<u>744,802</u>	<u>99,115</u>	<u>283,618</u>	<u>36,427</u>	<u>1,028,420</u>	<u>135,542</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	744,802	99,115	283,618	36,427	1,028,420	135,542
Net Position:						
Net Investment in Capital						
Assets	7,475,739	7,560,516	5,188,519	5,156,364	12,664,258	12,716,880
Restricted	162,725	13,989	0	0	162,725	13,989
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(1,383,921)</u>	<u>(1,676,818)</u>	<u>4,054,814</u>	<u>3,013,841</u>	<u>2,670,893</u>	<u>1,337,023</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,254,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,897,687</u>	<u>\$ 9,243,333</u>	<u>\$ 8,170,205</u>	<u>\$ 15,497,876</u>	<u>\$ 14,067,892</u>

An additional portion of the Town's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The \$2,670,893 of unrestricted net position provides excess funds to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Unrestricted net position of our business-type activities was \$4,054,814 at the end of the current fiscal year compared to \$3,013,841 at the end of the prior fiscal year. These resources cannot be used to add to the net position surplus in governmental activities. The Town of Byhalia generally can only use this net position to finance the continuing operations of the business type activities.

**Changes in net position:** Approximately 14.79% of the Town of Byhalia's revenue comes from sales tax and 9.73% from property taxes, with 26.39% of all revenue coming from some type of tax for the year ended September 30, 2021. (See Table A-2.) Another 62.22% comes from fees charged for services, 6.69% from intergovernmental revenues and the balance is from operating and capital grants & contributions, investment earnings and other miscellaneous receipts.

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Table A-2 and the narrative that follows consider the operations of governmental and business-type activities separately.

**Table A-2**  
**Changes in the Town of Byhalia's Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Restated		Restated		Restated	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 143,996	\$ 130,286	\$ 4,154,009	\$ 3,232,949	\$ 4,298,005	\$ 3,363,235
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Grants & Contributions	244,175	55,056	0	0	244,175	55,056
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	672,035	625,000	0	0	672,035	625,000
Sales Tax	1,021,630	916,664	0	0	1,021,630	916,664
Licenses & Permits	17,691	203,525	0	0	17,691	203,525
Other Taxes	129,155	121,431	0	0	129,155	121,431
Intergovernmental Revenues	462,424	403,587	0	0	462,424	403,587
Investment Income	1,464	11,441	10,200	22,106	11,664	33,247
Other	<u>51,240</u>	<u>43,810</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>51,240</u>	<u>43,810</u>
Total Revenues	2,743,810	2,510,500	4,164,209	3,255,055	6,908,019	5,765,555
<b>Expenses</b>						
General Government	538,968	542,077	0	0	538,968	542,077
Public Safety	1,450,278	1,451,119	0	0	1,450,278	1,451,119
Public Works	509,213	492,258	0	0	509,213	492,258
Culture & Recreation	23,602	15,592	0	0	23,602	15,592
Interest on Long-Term Debt	14,893	22,398	0	0	14,893	22,398
Water, Sewer & Gas System	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,941,081</u>	<u>2,571,602</u>	<u>2,941,081</u>	<u>2,571,602</u>
Total Expenses	2,536,954	2,523,444	2,941,081	2,571,602	5,478,035	5,095,045
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses	206,856	(12,944)	1,223,128	683,453	1,429,984	670,509
Transfers	<u>150,000</u>	<u>422,752</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(422,752)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	356,856	409,808	1,073,128	260,701	1,429,984	670,509
Net Position-Beginning	<u>5,897,687</u>	<u>5,487,879</u>	<u>8,170,205</u>	<u>7,909,504</u>	<u>14,067,892</u>	<u>13,397,383</u>
Net Position-Ending	<u>\$ 6,254,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,897,687</u>	<u>\$ 9,243,333</u>	<u>\$ 8,170,205</u>	<u>\$ 15,497,876</u>	<u>\$ 14,067,892</u>

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$356,856, thereby accounting for 24.96 percent of the total change in the net position of the Town for the year ended September 30, 2021. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

The largest funding sources for the Town's governmental activities, as a percent of total revenues, are sales tax (37%), property taxes (25%), intergovernmental revenues (17%), and other taxes (5%) for the year ended September 30, 2021.

The largest expense categories for the Town's governmental activities are public safety (57%), general government (21%) and public works (20%) for the year ended September 30, 2021.

### **Business-type Activities**

Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$1,073,128, thereby accounting for 75.04 percent of the total growth in the net position of the Town for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Charges for services are the major revenue categories for the enterprise funds. Total business-type revenues are comprised of \$4,154,009 for water, sewer and gas system charges for services for the year ended September 30, 2021.

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

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

**Governmental funds**—The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Town's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

**General Fund**—The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$925,667. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the fund balance, assigned and unassigned, to total fund expenditures. Total fund balance represents 37 percent of total fund expenditures. The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased by \$282,599 during the current fiscal year.

**Special Revenue Fund**—The special revenue fund is used to account for the programs and projects primarily funded by grants from the federal and state governments. As of September 30, 2021, the fund balance was \$123,152.

**Proprietary Funds**—The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The net position of the proprietary funds at the end of the current fiscal year totaled \$9,243,333.

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Budgetary Highlights

The Town's annual budget, which is prepared on an operating basis, includes estimated revenues and annual appropriations for the proprietary funds as well as the governmental funds.

The Town's 2020-21 general fund operating budget increased by approximately \$184,007 during the current fiscal year. This increase was related to increases in Public Safety and Public Works.

The Town's tax millage for the 2021 fiscal year remained constant with no change.

### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets**—In accordance with GASB 34, the Town has recorded depreciation expense associated with all of its capital assets, including infrastructure. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2021, amounted to \$15,595,134, net of accumulated depreciation of \$11,332,492. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, machinery & equipment, infrastructure, and construction in progress.

**Table A-3**  
**Town of Byhalia's Capital Assets**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>Restated 2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Restated 2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Restated 2020</u>
Land	\$ 19,583	\$ 19,583	\$ 84,524	\$ 75,374	\$ 104,107	\$ 94,957
Plant, Buildings & Improvements	3,161,226	2,933,213	14,455,249	14,106,700	17,616,475	17,039,913
Machinery & Equipment	2,629,599	2,661,992	1,218,390	1,207,092	3,847,989	3,869,084
Infrastructure	5,359,055	5,359,055	0	0	5,359,055	5,359,055
Construction in Progress	0	0	0	13,245	0	13,245
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,300,607)</u>	<u>(3,033,134)</u>	<u>(8,031,885)</u>	<u>(7,639,219)</u>	<u>(11,332,492)</u>	<u>(10,672,353)</u>
Total	\$ <u>7,868,856</u>	\$ <u>7,940,709</u>	\$ <u>7,726,278</u>	\$ <u>7,763,192</u>	\$ <u>15,595,134</u>	\$ <u>15,703,901</u>

# TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Long-term Debt**—At September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Town had \$2,930,876 and \$2,987,021 in capital leases, bonds and notes outstanding, respectively. More detailed information about the Town of Byhalia's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**Table A-4**  
**Town of Byhalia's Outstanding Debt**

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type</u> <u>Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bonds Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,498,995	\$ 2,556,066	\$ 2,498,995	\$ 2,556,066
Promissory Notes	278,879	313,377	0	0	278,879	313,377
Capital Leases Payable	114,238	66,816	38,764	50,762	153,002	117,578
Total	<u>\$ 393,117</u>	<u>\$ 380,193</u>	<u>\$ 2,537,759</u>	<u>\$ 2,606,828</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,987,021</u>

### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Town considered current year operational expenses and estimated increases and decreases based on economic factors when establishing the fiscal year 2022 budget. The total budgeted appropriations for the Town general fund operations are \$2,923,305. This budget reflects an increase of approximately \$405,143. The increase is primarily related to an increase in capital outlay.

### CONTACTING THE TOWN OF BYHALIA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town of Byhalia 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, contact the Town of Byhalia's Finance Department, P.O. Box 412 Byhalia, MS 38611.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2021**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,795,913	\$ 5,411,986	\$ 7,207,899
Accounts Receivable, Net	24,513	266,184	290,697
Due From Other Governments	98,403	-	98,403
Property Taxes Receivable	102,800	-	102,800
Court Fines Receivable, Net	132,098	-	132,098
Internal Balances	(621,371)	621,371	-
Capital Assets:			
Land	19,583	84,524	104,107
Plant, Buildings and Improvements	3,161,226	14,455,249	17,616,475
Machinery and Equipment	2,629,599	1,218,390	3,847,989
Infrastructure	5,359,055	-	5,359,055
Construction in Progress	-	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,300,607)</u>	<u>(8,031,885)</u>	<u>(11,332,492)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,401,212</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>14,025,819</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>23,427,031</u></b>
<b><u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u></b>			
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	\$ <u>255,840</u>	\$ <u>97,423</u>	\$ <u>353,263</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>255,840</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>97,423</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>353,263</u></b>

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2021**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 47,774	\$ 112,901	\$ 160,675
Accrued Compensated Absences	34,115	23,642	57,757
Accrued Liabilities	17,226	71,552	88,778
Refundable Meter Deposits	-	1,025,830	1,025,830
Net Pension Liability	2,165,475	824,607	2,990,082
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	59,854	68,415	128,269
Due in More Than One Year	333,263	2,469,344	2,802,607
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,657,707</b>	<b>\$ 4,596,291</b>	<b>\$ 7,253,998</b>
<b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u></b>			
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	\$ 744,802	\$ 283,618	\$ 1,028,420
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 744,802</b>	<b>\$ 283,618</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,420</b>
<b><u>NET POSITION:</u></b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 7,475,739	\$ 5,188,519	\$ 12,664,258
Restricted for:			
Public Works - ARPA	148,736	-	148,736
Public Safety	13,989	-	13,989
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,383,921)	4,054,814	2,670,893
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 6,254,543</b>	<b>\$ 9,243,333</b>	<b>\$ 15,497,876</b>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

FUNCTIONS/ PROGRAMS	PROGRAM REVENUES				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charge for Services	Operating		PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	
			Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>						
Government Activities:						
General Government	\$ 538,968	\$ 6,881	\$ -	\$ 64,944	\$ (467,143)	\$ -
Public Safety	1,450,278	65,945	-	-	(1,384,333)	-
Public Works	509,213	71,170	-	179,231	(258,812)	-
Culture and Recreation	23,602	-	-	-	(23,602)	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	14,893	-	-	-	(14,893)	-
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2,536,954</b>	<b>143,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,175</b>	<b>(2,148,783)</b>	<b>-</b>
Business-Type Activities:						
Water System	480,923	486,630	-	-	-	5,707
Sewer System	272,562	278,585	-	-	-	6,023
Gas System	2,187,596	3,388,794	-	-	-	1,201,198
<b>TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2,941,081</b>	<b>4,154,009</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,212,928</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 5,478,035</b>	<b>\$ 4,298,005</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 244,175</b>	<b>\$ (2,148,783)</b>	<b>\$ (935,855)</b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES:</b>						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes					\$ 672,035	\$ -
Sales Taxes					1,021,630	-
Privilege and Franchise Taxes					96,170	-
Licenses and Permits					17,691	-
In Lieu Taxes					32,985	-
Intergovernmental Revenues					462,424	-
Investment Earnings					1,464	10,200
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets					(14,000)	-
Miscellaneous					65,240	-
Transfers					150,000	(150,000)
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS</b>					<b>2,505,639</b>	<b>2,365,839</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>					<b>356,856</b>	<b>1,429,984</b>
<b>NET POSITION--BEGINNING, as previously reported</b>					<b>5,635,163</b>	<b>8,432,729</b>
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>					<b>262,524</b>	<b>(262,524)</b>
<b>NET POSITION--BEGINNING, as restated</b>					<b>5,897,687</b>	<b>14,067,892</b>
<b>NET POSITION--ENDING</b>					<b>\$ 6,254,543</b>	<b>\$ 9,243,333</b>
						<b>\$ 15,497,876</b>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>			
Cash on Deposit	\$ 1,761,610	\$ 34,303	\$ 1,795,913
Accounts Receivable	24,513	-	24,513
Due from Other Governments	98,403	-	98,403
Due from Other Funds	334,418	230,736	565,154
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,218,944</b>	<b>\$ 265,039</b>	<b>\$ 2,483,983</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</u></b>			
<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 47,289	\$ 485	\$ 47,774
Accrued Expenses	17,226	-	17,226
Due to Other Funds	1,045,123	141,402	1,186,525
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,109,638</b>	<b>141,887</b>	<b>1,251,525</b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT):</u></b>			
Committed to:			
Cemetery	169,650	-	169,650
Assigned	-	-	-
Restricted:			
Public Works - ARPA		148,736	148,736
Public Safety	13,989	-	13,989
Unassigned (Deficit)	925,667	(25,584)	900,083
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1,109,306</b>	<b>123,152</b>	<b>1,232,458</b>
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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE**  
**GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2021**

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,232,458
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	7,868,856
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	(393,117)
Accrued compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	(34,115)
Deferred revenues for delinquent property taxes deferred in the governmental funds because they will not be received within sixty days of the Consolidated Government's year end.	102,800
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	(2,165,475)
Deferred outflows and inflows related to pensions are applicable to future periods and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	
Deferred outflows of resources related to defined benefit pension plan	255,840
Deferred inflows of resources related to defined benefit pension plan	(744,802)
Accrual of court fine revenues to qualify as financial resources.	132,098
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>6,254,543</u>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 670,784	\$ -	\$ 670,784
Sales and Use Taxes	1,021,630	-	1,021,630
Privilege and Franchise Taxes	96,170	-	96,170
Licenses and Permits	17,691	-	17,691
In Lieu of Taxes	32,985	-	32,985
Intergovernmental Revenues	459,685	28,000	487,685
Charges for Services	71,170	-	71,170
Penalties and Interest	6,881	-	6,881
Fines and Forfeitures	65,308	-	65,308
Interest Income	1,345	119	1,464
Sale of Land and Equipment	-	-	-
Sale of Cemetery Lots	12,000	-	12,000
Grant Income	95,439	148,736	244,175
Miscellaneous Revenues	27,979	-	27,979
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,579,067</b>	<b>176,855</b>	<b>2,755,922</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	626,976	-	626,976
Public Safety	1,398,400	14,195	1,412,595
Public Works	388,181	-	388,181
Culture and Recreation	30,942	-	30,942
Debt Service	67,127	-	67,127
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,511,626</b>	<b>14,195</b>	<b>2,525,821</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES</b>			
<b>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>67,441</b>	<b>162,660</b>	<b>230,101</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Proceeds from Debt Issued	65,158	-	65,158
Transfers (to) from Other Funds	150,000	-	150,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING</b>			
<b>SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>215,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>215,158</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>282,599</b>	<b>162,660</b>	<b>445,259</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - Beginning</b>	<b>826,707</b>	<b>(39,508)</b>	<b>787,199</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,306</b>	<b>\$ 123,152</b>	<b>\$ 1,232,458</b>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 445,259
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental Funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Government Wide Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.	335,620
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds.	(393,473)
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the remaining basis of the capital assets sold.	(14,000)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenues in the funds.	637
Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the Government's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds.	1,251
Changes to net pension liability, deferred inflows and deferred outflows are reported in pension expense in the statement of activities but do not provide or require the use of current financial resources; therefore, pension expense related to these changes are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	171
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position.	
This amount represents long-term debt proceeds.	(65,158)
This amount represents long-term debt repayments.	52,234
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.	(5,685)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>356,856</u>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL -**  
**BUDGETARY BASIS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 630,055	\$ 682,770	\$ 682,625	\$ (145)
Sales and Use Taxes	882,100	1,011,110	1,011,105	(5)
Privilege and Franchise Taxes	126,000	126,830	93,943	(32,887)
Licenses and Permits	20,150	17,695	17,491	(204)
In Lieu of Taxes	-	-	32,985	32,985
Intergovernmental Revenues	335,400	371,230	460,741	89,511
Charges for Services	65,000	71,200	71,170	(30)
Penalties and Interest	3,700	6,894	6,881	(13)
Fines and Forfeitures	55,000	62,980	65,308	2,328
Interest Income	2,500	2,500	1,345	(1,155)
Sale of Cemetery Lots	16,000	13,000	12,000	(1,000)
Grant Income	-	-	95,439	95,439
Miscellaneous Revenues	48,250	148,169	27,979	(120,190)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>2,184,155</u>	<u>2,514,378</u>	<u>2,579,012</u>	<u>64,634</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	514,440	601,413	626,976	(25,563)
Public Safety	1,302,570	1,366,785	1,398,400	(31,615)
Public Works	472,145	504,145	388,181	115,964
Culture and Recreation	6,600	31,159	30,942	217
Debt Service	38,400	14,660	67,127	(52,467)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>2,334,155</u>	<u>2,518,162</u>	<u>2,511,626</u>	<u>6,536</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(3,784)</u>	<u>67,386</u>	<u>71,170</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Proceeds from Debt Issued	-	-	65,158	65,158
Transfers (to) from Other Funds	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>215,158</u>	<u>65,158</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER FINANCING AND OTHER USES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 146,216</u>	<u>\$ 282,544</u>	<u>\$ 136,328</u>

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**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION- PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2021**

<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Current Assets:</u></b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,224,214	\$ 138,143	\$ 4,049,629	\$ 5,411,986
Due From Other Funds	49,756	8,936	915,952	974,644
Accounts Receivable, Net	43,794	27,635	194,755	266,184
Total Current Assets	<u>1,317,764</u>	<u>174,714</u>	<u>5,160,336</u>	<u>6,652,814</u>
<b><u>Noncurrent Assets:</u></b>				
Water, Sewer, and Gas System,				
Buildings, Vehicles and Equipment	5,776,784	4,065,994	5,830,861	15,673,639
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Land	7,734	56,640	20,150	84,524
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,849,981)	(2,669,212)	(2,512,692)	(8,031,885)
Net Noncurrent Assets	<u>2,934,537</u>	<u>1,453,422</u>	<u>3,338,319</u>	<u>7,726,278</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 4,252,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,628,136</u>	<u>\$ 8,498,655</u>	<u>\$ 14,379,092</u>
<b><u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u></b>				
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	\$ 18,688	\$ 15,861	62,874	\$ 97,423
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 18,688</u>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>62,874</u>	<u>\$ 97,423</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>				
<b><u>Current Liabilities:</u></b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,896	\$ 5,620	\$ 99,385	\$ 112,901
Due to Other Funds	15,908	220,336	117,029	353,273
Refundable Meter Deposits	101,054	-	924,776	1,025,830
Accrued Liabilities	32,473	(36,073)	75,152	71,552
Notes, Bonds and Capital Leases Payable -				
Within One Year	19,863	12,448	36,104	68,415
Total Current Liabilities	<u>177,194</u>	<u>202,331</u>	<u>1,252,446</u>	<u>1,631,971</u>
<b><u>Noncurrent Liabilities:</u></b>				
Notes, Bonds and Capital Leases Payable				
Less Current Portion	809,314	26,316	1,633,714	2,469,344
Net Pension Liability	158,179	134,248	532,180	824,607
Accrued Compensated Absences	1,874	5,695	16,073	23,642
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>969,367</u>	<u>166,259</u>	<u>2,181,967</u>	<u>3,317,593</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ 1,146,561</u>	<u>\$ 368,590</u>	<u>\$ 3,434,413</u>	<u>\$ 4,949,564</u>
<b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u></b>				
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	\$ 54,405	\$ 46,173	\$ 183,040	\$ 283,618
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 54,405</u>	<u>\$ 46,173</u>	<u>\$ 183,040</u>	<u>\$ 283,618</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION (DEFICIT):</u></b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,105,360	1,414,658	1,668,501	5,188,519
Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit)	<u>964,663</u>	<u>(185,424)</u>	<u>3,275,575</u>	<u>4,054,814</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 3,070,023</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,234</u>	<u>\$ 4,944,076</u>	<u>\$ 9,243,333</u>

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

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 437,771	\$ 276,185	\$ 2,875,072	\$ 3,589,028
Service Charges and Penalties	47,430	2,400	512,389	562,219
Other Receipts	1,429	-	1,333	2,762
Total Operating Revenues	<u>486,630</u>	<u>278,585</u>	<u>3,388,794</u>	<u>4,154,009</u>
Less: Gas Purchased	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	1,225,964	1,225,964
Net Income Before Operating Expenses	<u>486,630</u>	<u>278,585</u>	<u>2,162,830</u>	<u>2,928,045</u>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>				
Personnel Services	134,381	97,541	411,248	643,170
Contractual Services	35,639	6,451	87,287	129,377
Supplies	59,328	13,372	61,478	134,178
Depreciation and Amortization	120,991	105,124	166,551	392,666
Other Services	101,932	48,296	171,051	321,279
Total Operating Expenses	<u>452,271</u>	<u>270,784</u>	<u>897,615</u>	<u>1,620,670</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>34,359</u>	<u>7,801</u>	<u>1,265,215</u>	<u>1,307,375</u>
<b><u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u></b>				
Interest Income	2,553	234	7,413	10,200
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>(28,652)</u>	<u>(1,778)</u>	<u>(64,017)</u>	<u>(94,447)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(26,099)</u>	<u>(1,544)</u>	<u>(56,604)</u>	<u>(84,247)</u>
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	<u>8,260</u>	<u>6,257</u>	<u>1,208,611</u>	<u>1,223,128</u>
<b><u>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (OUT)</u></b>				
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(36,740)	(38,743)	1,148,611	1,073,128
<b>NET POSITION - October 1, as previously reported</b>	<u>3,106,763</u>	<u>1,267,977</u>	<u>4,057,989</u>	<u>8,432,729</u>
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(262,524)</u>	<u>(262,524)</u>
<b>NET POSITION - OCTOBER 1, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>3,106,763</u>	<u>1,267,977</u>	<u>3,795,465</u>	<u>8,170,205</u>
<b>NET POSITION - September 30</b>	<u>\$ 3,070,023</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,234</u>	<u>\$ 4,944,076</u>	<u>\$ 9,243,333</u>

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

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	Water	Sewer	Gas	Totals
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>				
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 502,217	\$ 276,288	\$ 3,573,136	\$ 4,351,641
Cash Payments for Gas Purchases	-	-	(1,225,964)	(1,225,964)
Cash Payments for Personal Services	(126,258)	(119,694)	(363,929)	(609,881)
Cash Payments for Contractual Services	(35,639)	(6,451)	(87,287)	(129,377)
Cash Payments for Supplies	(59,328)	(13,372)	(61,478)	(134,178)
Cash Payments for Other Services	(105,205)	(44,039)	(237,519)	(386,763)
Net Cash Provided By (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>175,787</u>	<u>92,732</u>	<u>1,596,959</u>	<u>1,865,478</u>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>				
Operating Transfers - In from (Out) to Other Funds	<u>(14,317)</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>(25,093)</u>	<u>(84,410)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>(14,317)</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>(25,093)</u>	<u>(84,410)</u>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>				
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	(3,931)	(4,737)	(347,085)	(355,753)
Principal Paid on Bonds, Notes Payable and Capital Leases	(19,761)	(11,998)	(37,310)	(69,069)
Interest Paid on Bonds, Notes Payable and Capital Leases	<u>(28,652)</u>	<u>(1,777)</u>	<u>(64,017)</u>	<u>(94,446)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Capital Financing Activities	<u>(52,344)</u>	<u>(18,512)</u>	<u>(448,412)</u>	<u>(519,268)</u>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>				
Interest on Investments	<u>2,553</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>7,413</u>	<u>10,200</u>
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	<u>2,553</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>7,413</u>	<u>10,200</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	111,679	29,454	1,130,867	1,272,000
CASH, OCTOBER 1	<u>1,112,535</u>	<u>108,689</u>	<u>2,918,762</u>	<u>4,139,986</u>
CASH, SEPTEMBER 30	<u>\$ 1,224,214</u>	<u>\$ 138,143</u>	<u>\$ 4,049,629</u>	<u>\$ 5,411,986</u>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 34,359	\$ 7,801	\$ 1,265,215	\$ 1,307,375
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By (Used in) Operating Activities				
Depreciation	120,991	105,124	166,551	392,666
Net Pension Expense	9,863	5,254	20,045	35,162
Change in Assets and Liabilities:				
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	4,535	(2,297)	(40,961)	(38,723)
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable - operating activities	(3,273)	4,257	(66,468)	(65,484)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities - operating activities	(1,740)	(27,407)	27,274	(1,873)
Increase in Meter Deposits	11,052	-	225,303	236,355
Total Adjustments	<u>141,428</u>	<u>84,931</u>	<u>331,744</u>	<u>558,103</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 175,787</u>	<u>\$ 92,732</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,865,478</u>

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

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Town of Byhalia, Mississippi was incorporated in 1873. The Town operates under a Board of Aldermen-Mayor form of government and provides the following services: public safety (police and fire), streets, sanitation, culture, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, utilities, and general administrative services.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Town's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. The statements distinguish between those activities of the Town that are governmental, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, and those that are considered business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities for the Town at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the Town. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods and services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Town segregates transactions related to certain Town functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Town at this more detailed level. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the governmental-wide financial statements. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements are on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds, where applicable, are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Government fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible in the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt services expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Significant revenues considered to be susceptible to accrual in addition to general property taxes include sales tax and various categorical grants.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of the primary government except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The majority of current operations are financed by this fund. Transfers to other funds and agencies are made from this fund. Monies from other funds may be received unless prohibited by the purpose and object of such funds.

Additionally, the Town reports the following governmental fund types:

*Special Revenue Fund* – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific federal and state grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, all of the special revenue funds are non-major funds.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

*The Water, Sewer and Gas Funds* – These funds are used to account for the Town's water and sewer treatment and distribution system as well as the gas distribution system. These funds are responsible for water and gas delivery to the residents of the Town of Byhalia.



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The Town has elected to apply all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements, and Accounting Principals Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. General revenues are those which cannot be associated directly with program activities.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating 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 for the proprietary funds are as follows: sale of water for the Water Fund, sale of sewer for the Sewer Fund, and sale of gas for the Gas Fund. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Town's combined financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting

entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Included within the reporting entity:

Town of Byhalia's water, sewer, and gas systems. The rates for user charges and bond issuance authorizations also are approved by the government's governing body and the legal liability for the general obligation portion of the water, sewer and gas debt remains with the government.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The mayor and board of aldermen generally follow the following proposed budget calendar of the State Department of Audit in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- (1) The mayor and board of aldermen formulate the budget policy at the May board meeting.
- (2) Department budget requests are prepared by the appropriate people and submitted by the July board meeting.
- (3) A proposed budget is presented at the August meeting and a notice of public budget hearings and availability of the budget for inspection is published.
- (4) Between August 15th-30th a public hearing is held and the budget is adopted. The anticipated tax levy is reviewed to determine whether public notice is required on any levy.
- (5) Between September 1st-15th the budget must be adopted and the tax levy set.
- (6) Between September 1st-30th, in accordance with the Town's population, the budget must be posted in three public places.
- (7) And, between September 15th-30th the budget as adopted should be written up, filed with the municipal clerk and public notice given of the availability of the budget for inspection. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level. During the year, several supplementary appropriations were necessary.
- (8) Further, budgets are used as management control devices in the Proprietary Fund. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except the Proprietary Fund recognizes all expenditures for debt as expense and no depreciation expense is recognized.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Unused appropriations for all of the above annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts after appropriate revisions during the year.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level except for capital outlays, election expenses and emergency expenditures.

Cash and Investments

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entities are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. 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 institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Investments - State statutes, Town bond ordinances and Town resolutions authorize the Town's investments. The Town is authorized to invest in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of this state, or of any school district, which such county or municipal or school district bonds have been approved by a reputable bond attorney or have been validated by a decree of the chancery court, or in obligations issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit with municipal depositories serving in accordance with Section 27-105-353 at a rate of interest not less than a simple interest rate numerically equal to the average bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity.

Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied October 1 become delinquent February 1 of the following year.

The Town has an agreement with the County pursuant to which the tax collector of the County has assumed the duty and responsibility for billing and collecting all Town ad valorem taxes, including all taxes on real property, personal property and public utilities property by the Town.

The Town recognizes tax revenues upon collection of the taxes or upon collection from the county tax collector. In addition, the Town makes an accrual for amounts collected by the county tax collector as of September 30 and remitted to the Town within 30 days after year end.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Reclassifications

Certain accounts in the prior-year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current-year financial statements.

Revenue Enterprise Bonds

The enterprise funds provide the annual debt service requirements on certain general obligation enterprise bonds (not secured by system revenues) issued to finance system improvements. Since the enterprise funds provide the annual debt service on these general obligation enterprise bonds, the bonds are considered to be obligations of the Enterprise Funds and have been reported on the balance sheets of the Enterprise Funds.

Although the general obligation enterprise bonds are reported on the balance sheets of the Enterprise Funds, they are backed by the full faith and credit of the Town and are therefore a contingent liability to the general government.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of the State of Mississippi.

Investments are represented by certificates of deposit and are stated at cost, plus accrued interest.

Fund Balance Classification

The Town has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Town is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

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

- **Restricted:** This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

- **Committed:** This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's Board of Aldermen. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Aldermen removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- **Assigned:** This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Aldermen or through the Board of Aldermen delegating this responsibility to the Town's management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.
- **Unassigned:** This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund and all other amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

Inventories

Inventories for proprietary fund types are valued at cost. The Town does not maintain inventory records for any other fund types.

Business Information

The Town of Byhalia provides gas, water, and sewer services to customers located within the Town limits of Byhalia, Mississippi as well as a limited number of customers outside the Town limits. Credit is extended to all of these customers for services.

Encumbrances

State law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when paid for; therefore, the Town does not employ an encumbrance system.

Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the proprietary fund types consider all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents

Compensated Absences

The Town's policy allows employees to accumulate unused vacation leave up to 30 days and unused sick leave up to 75 days. Upon termination, any accumulated vacation will be paid to the employee. Sick leave will be paid only upon illness while an employee of the Town.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates used in preparing these financial statements include those assumed in computing the provision for uncollectible court fines and the provision for uncollectible business-type activities receivables as mentioned in Note 4. It is at least reasonably possible that the significant estimate used will change within the next year.

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 Town of Byhalia's participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), and additions to/deductions from the Town of Byhalia's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS). For this purpose, benefits (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS). Investments are reported at fair value.

Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Position

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the Town's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the Town's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then use unassigned amounts.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

The Town's capitalization threshold is \$1,000 for general fixed assets and \$5,000 for infrastructure assets. The Town retroactively applied these thresholds to all general fixed assets in service at September 30, 2003 pursuant to GASB requirements. Donated assets are recorded at fair market value.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Depreciation has been calculated on the fixed assets using the following useful lives:

Plant, Building, and Improvements	5 – 40 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5 – 15 Years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 – 20 Years
Vehicles	5 – 10 Years



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Interfund Transfers

The principal purpose of interfund transfers is to provide reimbursement for shared costs between funds, funding for debt service and operations. All transfers are routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash, investments, accounts and other receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments.

**NOTE 2 - Deposits and Investments**

Deposits

The carrying amount of the Town's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2021, was \$7,207,899, and the bank balance was \$7,293,775. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. 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 institution would be

liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

*Custodial credit risk:* In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town had \$7,081,888 of bank balances covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in accordance with state law at year end. The Town had \$211,548 of deposits that were not covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in accordance with state law at year end. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the Town's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. 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 institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Investments

*Interest rate risk:* Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The Town's investment policy is limited to complying with the State's investment statutes. The State law has not addressed an interest rate risk; however, the Town's policy is to hold all investments to maturity, thereby reducing any interest rate risk.



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**September 30, 2021**

**NOTE 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)**

*Credit risk:* The Town and its component units are allowed, by State statute, to invest excess funds in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America, of the State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of Mississippi, when such county or municipal bonds have been properly approved; or in obligations issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository; or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds. It is the Town's policy to limit its investments to those allowed by the State statute.

*Concentration of credit risk:* The Town complies with the State statute regarding investments; as a result, concentration risk is limited.

*Custodial credit risk:* For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral

securities that are in the possession of an outside party. To minimize this risk, the Town's requires that all negotiable instruments be held in safekeeping in the trust department of a bank. The Town's investments are insured or registered, or are securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

**NOTE 3 - Fixed Assets**

The following is a summary of capital asset activity as of September 30, 2021:

Primary Government:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>10-01-20</u> <u>Restated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reclass/</u> <u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>09-30-21</u>
Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 19,583	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 19,583
Construction in Progress	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:	19,583	0	0	19,583
Capital Assets being depreciated:				
Plant, Buildings, & Improvements	2,933,213	228,013	0	3,161,226
Infrastructure	5,359,055	0	0	5,359,055
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,661,992</u>	<u>107,607</u>	<u>(140,000)</u>	<u>2,629,599</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	10,954,260	335,620	(140,000)	11,149,880
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Plant, Buildings, & Improvements	(687,471)	(93,270)	0	(780,741)
Infrastructure	(718,630)	(156,663)	0	(875,293)
Machinery and Equipment	<u>(1,627,033)</u>	<u>(143,540)</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>(1,644,573)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(3,033,134)	(393,473)	126,000	(3,300,607)
Total Capital Assets, depreciated, net Governmental Activities	<u>7,921,126</u>	<u>(57,853)</u>	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>7,849,273</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 7,940,709</u>	<u>\$ (57,853)</u>	<u>\$ (14,000)</u>	<u>\$ 7,868,856</u>

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**NOTE 3 - Fixed Assets (continued)**

A summary of business-type capital asset activity at September 30, 2021 follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>10-01-20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reclass/ Disposals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>09-30-21</u>
Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 75,374	\$ 0	\$ 9,150	\$ 84,524
Construction in Progress	<u>13,245</u>	<u>187,654</u>	<u>(200,899)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:	88,619	187,654	(191,749)	84,524
Capital Assets being depreciated:				
Plant, Buildings, & Improvements	\$ 14,106,700	\$ 156,800	\$ 191,749	\$ 14,455,249
Machinery and Equipment	<u>1,207,092</u>	<u>11,298</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,218,390</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	15,313,792	168,098	191,749	15,673,639
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Plant, Buildings, & Improvements	(6,712,391)	(328,893)	0	(7,041,284)
Machinery and Equipment	<u>(926,828)</u>	<u>(63,773)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(990,601)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7,639,219)</u>	<u>(392,666)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,031,885)</u>
Total Capital Assets, depreciated, net Business-type Activities	<u>7,674,573</u>	<u>(224,568)</u>	<u>191,749</u>	<u>7,641,754</u>
Capital Assets, net	\$ <u>7,763,192</u>	\$ <u>(36,914)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>7,726,278</u>

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

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 68,078
Public Safety	137,637
Public Works	178,740
Culture & Recreation	<u>9,018</u>
Total Depreciation Expense – Governmental Activities	\$ <u>393,473</u>
Depreciation expense for Water, Sewer and Gas funds	\$ <u>392,666</u>

**NOTE 4 - Receivables**

Receivables at September 30, 2021, consisted primarily of property and other taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services including unbilled utility services), intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues, court fines, and accrued interest on investments.

All accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts of \$192,485 for Governmental activities and \$66,566 for Business-Type activities. The allowance is based on management estimates and the average age of receivables.

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**NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Balance at 9/30/20	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 9/30/21	Amounts Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
General Obligation Bonds	175,841	0	18,559	118,977	14,846
Notes Payable	\$ 137,536	\$ 0	\$ 15,939	\$ 159,902	\$ 16,500
Capital Leases	66,816	65,158	17,736	114,238	28,508
<b>Governmental Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 380,193</b>	<b>\$ 65,158</b>	<b>\$ 52,234</b>	<b>\$ 393,117</b>	<b>\$ 59,854</b>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 2,556,066	\$ 0	\$ 57,071	\$ 2,498,995	55,967
Capital Leases	50,762	0	11,998	38,764	12,448
<b>Business-Type Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,606,828</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 69,069</b>	<b>2,537,759</b>	<b>68,415</b>

**General Obligation Bonds.** General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. General obligation bonds are subject to optional redemption at various dates. General obligation bonds currently outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amounts	
				Issued	Outstanding
<b>Governmental Funds</b>					
2014	2.00%	11/01/2015	11/01/2029	250,000	159,902
				\$ 250,000	\$ 159,902

**Revenue Bonds.** The Town also issues revenue bonds where the Town pledges income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service. Revenue bonds are subject to optional redemption at various dates. Revenue bonds outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amounts	
				Issued	Outstanding
<b>Proprietary Funds</b>					
2003	3.375%	4/17/2003	4/17/2038	954,700	829,177
2011	3.750%	11/02/2011	11/02/2046	1,900,000	1,669,818
				\$ 2,854,700	\$ 2,498,995

**Loans.** The Town also uses loans to finance its projects. Loans outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amounts	
				Issued	Outstanding
<b>General Funds</b>					
Rural Development (97-07)	4.625%	9/19/2002	12/19/2032	400,000	118,977
				\$ 400,000	\$ 118,977

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**NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt (continued)**

**Capital Leases.** The Town is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2021:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amounts	
General Funds				Issued	Outstanding
2018 Ford Explorer	4.00%	2/28/2019	3/03/2024	\$ 31,485	\$ 17,300
2019 Dodge Durangos	3.98%	4/29/2019	5/03/2024	33,585	19,280
2019 Fire Dept. Radios	3.60%	6/16/2019	6/03/2023	26,748	12,500
2021 SCBA Equipment	3.24%	7/01/2022	7/01/2028	65,158	65,158
				\$ 156,976	\$ 114,238
Proprietary Funds					
Obrien Sewer Jetter	3.69%	9/27/2019	9/27/2024	\$ 62,326	\$ 38,764
				\$ 62,326	\$ 38,764
Total				\$ 219,302	\$ 153,002

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the various bond indentures. The Town is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

The Annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021 including interest payments of \$1,610,878 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Governmental Funds		Proprietary Funds		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 59,854	\$ 16,769	\$ 68,415	\$ 95,099	\$ 128,269	\$ 111,868
2023	60,697	14,611	70,941	92,575	131,638	107,186
2024	52,641	11,998	73,559	89,956	126,200	101,954
2025	44,678	9,521	62,372	87,369	107,050	96,890
2026	46,105	8,218	64,666	85,073	110,771	93,291
2027 - 2031	118,908	18,996	360,822	337,121	479,730	356,117
2032 - 2036	10,234	336	432,295	367,161	442,529	367,497
2037 - 2041	0	0	518,267	230,734	518,267	230,734
2042 - 2046	0	0	620,666	128,034	620,666	128,034
2047 - 2051	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>265,756</u>	<u>17,307</u>	<u>265,756</u>	<u>17,307</u>
	<u>\$ 393,117</u>	<u>\$ 80,449</u>	<u>\$ 2,537,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,429</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,876</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,878</u>

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**NOTE 6 – Interfund Transactions and Balances**

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2021:

Due To/From Other Funds:

	Due To	Due From
General Fund	\$ 1,045,123	\$ 334,418
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	141,402	230,736
Water Fund	15,908	49,756
Sewer Fund	220,336	8,936
Gas Fund	117,029	915,952
	<u>\$ 1,539,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,798</u>

Transfers In/Out:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ -
Water Fund	-	45,000
Sewer Fund	-	45,000
Gas Fund	-	60,000
	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

All transfers are routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

**NOTE 7 - Litigation**

Certain claims, suits, and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business have been filed or are pending against the Town. In the opinion of the elected officials, all such matters are adequately covered by insurance, or if not so covered, are without merit or are of such kind, or involve such amounts, as would not have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Town if disposed of unfavorably.

**NOTE 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

Plan Description – Town of Byhalia, Mississippi contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided - Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is

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**NOTE 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions - At September 30, 2021, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate at September 30, 2021 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$241,938, \$226,003 and \$207,573, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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

At September 30, 2021, the Town reported a liability of \$2,990,082 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The Town's proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2021 net pension liability was 0.020230 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021. This was an increase of 0.000618 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2020 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Town recognized pension expense of \$276,929. At September 30, 2021, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:



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**NOTE 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 47,183	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	905,766
Changes of assumptions	229,797	-
Changes in the proportion and differences between the Town's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	17,793	122,654
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	58,490	-
Total	\$ 353,263	\$ 1,028,420

\$58,490 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Amount
2022	\$ (153,270)
2023	(154,626)
2024	(157,412)
2025	(268,339)
Total	\$ (733,647)

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2020, by the new actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board subsequent to the June 30, 2020 valuation based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2020, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65 – 17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 100% for females. Mortality rates will be



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**NOTE 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used for the purposes of determining the total pension liability were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The experience report is dated April 20, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The most recent target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.00%	4.60%
International Equity	22.00%	4.50%
Global Equity	12.00%	4.80%
Fixed Income	20.00%	-0.25%
Real Estate	10.00%	3.75%
Private Equity	8.00%	6.00%
Cash Equivalents	1.00%	-1.00%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.55%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (17.40%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of 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 to the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.55%, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.55%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.55%) than the current rate:

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**NOTE 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

	Discount Rate	Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
1% decrease	6.55%	\$4,234,658
Current discount rate	7.55%	\$2,990,082
1% increase	8.55%	\$1,964,453

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

**NOTE 9 - Fund Balance Reconciliation – General Fund Budget Basis**

Mississippi state law requires, for budget purposes, that the general fund record revenues on the cash basis. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) would require that the revenues be accounted for on the modified accrual basis; therefore, the required budgetary basis would not be considered to be GAAP. Any accruals of revenues included on the "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes - All Governmental Fund Types" are eliminated for budget purposes. In the current fiscal year accrued revenues were \$55 more than cash revenues.

**NOTE 10 - Risk Management**

The Town of Byhalia is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs of the Town except for certain employment practices liabilities, certain environmental liabilities, worker's compensation liabilities funded through a public entity risk pool, and catastrophic natural disasters that may exceed insurance coverage for which the Town retains the risk of loss.

Risk of loss related to workers compensation for injuries to Town employees is covered through the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group, a public entity risk pool. The pool was formed on March 28, 1989, by the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 71-3-75, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), to provide public entities within the State of Mississippi workers compensation and employer's liability coverage. The Town pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage based on total payroll. The participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered. For insured programs 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.

The Town Attorney estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the Town as of September 30, 2021, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Town. Therefore, no provisions have been made for estimated claims. There have been no material claims paid by the Town during the current or prior year.

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**NOTE 11 - Deficit Fund Balances**

The following funds have a deficit fund balance at September 30, 2021:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Fire Protection Fund	\$ <u>(25,584)</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>(25,584)</u>

**Note 12 – Tax Abatements**

The Town enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses for economic development purposes. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to locate within the town limits. The abatements are negotiated on an individual basis. Each abatement is for 10 years. The Town had five tax abatement agreements with six entities as of September 30, 2021.

The Town had three types of abatements, none of which provides for the abatement of school or state tax levies:

- Section 27-31-101 – New enterprise exemptions
- Section 27-31-105 – Expanded enterprise exemptions
- Section 27-31-104 – Fee in lieu of tax agreements

All six entities had tax abatements listed under the above listed statutes.

Category	Amount of taxes abated during the fiscal year
New and expanded industrial enterprises	\$28,429

The companies were not required to comply with any special provisions in order to receive the abatements and the Town made no commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce taxes. Abatements may be voided pursuant to state law in the event of a cessation of company operations.

**NOTE 13 – Prior Period Adjustments**

Statement of Activities – Governmental Activities

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To correct prior year capital assets	\$ <u>262,524</u>
Total prior period adjustment(s)	\$ <u>262,524</u>

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**NOTE 13 – Prior Period Adjustments (continued)**

Statement of Activities – Business-Type Activities

Explanation	Amount
To correct prior year capital assets	\$ (262,524)
Total prior period adjustment(s)	\$ (262,524)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds

Explanation	Amount
To correct prior year capital assets	\$ (262,524)
Total prior period adjustment(s)	\$ (262,524)

**NOTE 14 – Expenditures Over Appropriations for Individual Funds**

Any expenditures over appropriations at the legal level or budgetary control for the respective funds are disclosed in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual for the respective fund. Expenditures over appropriations at the legal level of budgetary control are as follows:

	Budget	Actual	Overage
<b>General Fund</b>			
Public Safety			
Supplies	\$ 48,353	\$ 58,048	\$ 9,695
Other Services & Charges	\$ 208,983	\$ 210,030	\$ 1,047
Culture and Recreation			
Supplies	\$ 1,665	\$ 2,377	\$ 712
Public Works			
Other Services and Charges	\$ 50,000	\$ 55,657	\$ 5,657

**NOTE 15 – Commitments**

The Town participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as a result of these audits is not believed to be material.

**NOTE 16 - Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 15, 2022, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE  
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS\*

PERS  
For the year ended September 30, 2021  
UNAUDITED

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
A. Byhalia's proportion of the net pension liability (%)	0.020230%	0.019612%	0.019520%	0.019006%	0.019280%	0.016176%	0.016700%
B. Byhalia's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,990,082	\$ 3,796,655	\$ 3,433,953	\$ 3,161,263	\$ 3,204,990	\$ 2,889,436	\$ 2,581,491
C. Byhalia's covered employee payroll	\$ 1,345,098	\$ 1,305,902	\$ 1,271,295	\$ 1,213,695	\$ 1,236,819	\$ 1,034,838	\$ 1,044,717
D. Byhalia's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll (%)	222.29%	290.73%	270.11%	260.47%	259.13%	279.22%	247.10%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.44%	58.97%	61.59%	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the twelve months ended at the measurement date of June 30 of the fiscal year presented. This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, the Town has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS\***

**PERS**

For the year ended September 30, 2021

UNAUDITED

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
A. Contractually required contributions	\$ 241,938	\$ 226,003	\$ 207,573	\$ 192,152	\$ 190,077	\$ 177,991	\$ 167,874	\$ 158,595
B. Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	\$ 241,938	\$ 226,003	\$ 207,573	\$ 192,152	\$ 190,077	\$ 177,991	\$ 167,874	\$ 158,595
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Byhalia's covered employee payroll	\$ 1,390,445	\$ 1,298,866	\$ 1,286,724	\$ 1,220,013	\$ 1,206,838	\$ 1,130,102	\$ 1,065,868	\$ 1,006,952
E. Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	17.40%	17.40%	16.13% **	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

\* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until, a full 10 year trend is compiled, the Town has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

\*\* Until July 1, 2019, contributions were 15.75%. Subsequent to July 1, 2019 contributions were 17.40%.

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**PENSION SCHEDULES**

(1) Changes in assumptions

a. 2021

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75, and 101% for ages above 77.
  - For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76.
  - Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 134% of male rates at all ages.
  - For females, 121% of female rates at all ages.
  - Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 97% of male rates at all ages.
  - For females, 110% of female rates at all ages.
  - Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.
- The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%.
- The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28% of payroll.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 9% to 12%.
- The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

b. 2019

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119.
  - For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 137% of male rates at all ages.
  - For females, 115% of female rates at all ages.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**PENSION SCHEDULES (continued)**

- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.
  - c. 2017
    - The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.
    - The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.
    - Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.
    - The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.
  - d. 2016
    - The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.
  - e. 2015
    - The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
    - The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
    - Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.
    - Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to reflect actual and anticipated experience more closely.
    - The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.
- (2) Changes in benefit provisions
- a. 2016
    - Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.
- (3) **Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.** The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2019 valuation for the June 30, 2021 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

• Actuarial cost method	Entry age
• Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
• Remaining amortization period	28.8 years
• Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
• Price Inflation	2.75 percent
• Salary increase	3.00 percent to 18.25 percent, including inflation
• Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**PENSION SCHEDULES (continued)**

- (4) The comparative information presented on the Schedule of the Town's Contributions does not include information for years prior to 2014 because GASB 68 was implemented in the 2015 fiscal year. Information for the 2014 year was included because it was necessary to record the prior period adjustment in the implementation of GASB 68.

## INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND**  
**BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 682,770	\$ 682,625	\$ (145)
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	13,990	13,912	(78)
Privilege Licenses and Fees	18,930	18,869	(61)
Road Maintenance	330,905	330,887	(18)
Sales Tax	1,011,110	1,011,105	(5)
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	89,625	89,625
Gasoline Tax	4,650	4,636	(14)
Hotel/Motel Tax	18,985	18,981	(4)
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	2,700	2,700	-
Building Permits	17,495	17,491	(4)
Court Fines and Fees	62,980	65,308	2,328
TVA In Lieu Tax	-	32,985	32,985
Miscellaneous	148,169	27,979	(120,190)
Penalties and Interest	6,894	6,881	(13)
Cable Franchise Fees	108,100	75,074	(33,026)
Sale of Cemetery Lots	13,000	12,000	(1,000)
Interest Income	2,500	1,345	(1,155)
Grant Income	-	95,439	95,439
Sanitation Fees	71,200	71,170	(30)
Total revenues	<u>2,514,378</u>	<u>2,579,012</u>	<u>64,634</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Government			
Personnel Services	278,398	264,091	14,307
Supplies	11,140	9,331	1,809
Other Services and Charges	201,635	193,709	7,926
Capital Outlay	110,240	159,845	(49,605)
Total	<u>601,413</u>	<u>626,976</u>	<u>(25,563)</u>
Public Safety			
Personnel Services	1,076,729	1,035,448	41,281
Supplies	48,353	58,048	(9,695)
Other Services and Charges	208,983	210,030	(1,047)
Capital Outlay	32,720	94,874	(62,154)
Total	<u>1,366,785</u>	<u>1,398,400</u>	<u>(31,615)</u>
Culture and Recreation			
Supplies	1,665	2,377	(712)
Other Services and Charges	12,414	12,207	207
Capital Outlay	17,080	16,358	722
Total	<u>\$ 31,159</u>	<u>\$ 30,942</u>	<u>\$ 217</u>

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND**  
**BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - Continued**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
Public Works			
Personnel Services	\$ 169,305	\$ 168,436	\$ 869
Supplies	38,330	28,095	10,235
Other Services and Charges	80,390	78,933	1,457
Sanitation: Other Services and Charges	50,000	55,657	(5,657)
Capital Outlay	166,120	57,060	109,060
Total	<u>504,145</u>	<u>388,181</u>	<u>115,964</u>
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	13,345	52,235	(38,890)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,315	14,892	(13,577)
Total	<u>14,660</u>	<u>67,127</u>	<u>(52,467)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,518,162</u>	<u>2,511,626</u>	<u>6,536</u>
Excess (Deficit) revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(3,784)</u>	<u>67,386</u>	<u>71,170</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	-	65,158	65,158
Operating Transfers In	150,000	150,000	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>150,000</u>	<u>215,158</u>	<u>65,158</u>
Excess (Deficit) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>146,216</u>	<u>282,544</u>	<u>136,328</u>
Fund balances - Beginning	<u>826,707</u>	<u>826,707</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - Ending	<u>\$ 972,923</u>	<u>1,109,251</u>	<u>\$ 136,328</u>
Adjustments To GAAP Basis:			
Add/Less: Accrued revenue		<u>55</u>	
Fund Balance GAAP - Ending		<u>\$ 1,109,306</u>	

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



**TOWN OF BYHALIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**  
**September 30, 2021**

NAME	POSITION	BOND	INSURANCE COMPANY
Teresa Strickland	City Clerk	\$ 50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Angie Clayton	Court Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Cindy Sloan	Utility Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Helen Rayford	Utility Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Tammy Lancaster	Utility Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Teresa Waldrop	Utility Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Brenda Young	Utility Clerk	50,000	CLM Insurance Group
Candie Wilson	Police Dispatcher	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Brianna Ables	Police Dispatcher	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Stephanie Manns	Police Dispatcher	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Charles Moore	Police Chief	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Michael Hamblin, Sr.	Alderman	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
William Crain	Alderman	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
William Rose	Alderman	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Toni Moore	Alderman	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
William Dawson	Alderman	50,000	Scott Insurance Company
Phillip Malone	Mayor	50,000	Scott Insurance Company

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	BALANCE OUTSTANDING <u>October 1, 2020</u>		TRANSACTIONS DURING FISCAL YEAR <u>ISSUED</u> <u>REDEEMED</u>		BALANCE OUTSTANDING <u>September 30, 2021</u>
<u>Revenue Bonds</u>					
Gas System	\$ 1,707,128	\$ -	\$ 37,310	\$	1,669,818
Water System	848,938	-	19,761		829,177
<u>Other Long Term Debt</u>					
Community Facility Loan	137,536	-	18,559		118,977
NEMPDD Loan - Town Hall	175,841	-	15,939		159,902
Capital Lease Payable - Trailer Jetter	50,762	-	11,998		38,764
Capital Lease Payable - 2021 SCBA Equipment	-	65,158	-		65,158
Capital Lease Payable - 2018 Ford Explorer	23,056	-	5,756		17,300
Capital Lease Payable - Fire Radios & Equipment	18,468	-	5,968		12,500
Capital Lease Payable - 2019 Dodge Durango	25,292	-	6,012		19,280
 TOTAL	 \$ 2,987,021	 \$ 65,158	 \$ 121,303	 \$	 2,930,876

## OTHER REPORTS

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**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**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Byhalia, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2022.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as findings no. 2021-001 and 2021-002, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as findings no. 2021-001, 2021-002, 2021-003, and 2021-004.

### **Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's Response to Findings**

Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Town of Byhalia, Mississippi's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Franks, Franks, Wilemon & Hagood P.A.

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Tupelo, Mississippi  
September 15, 2022

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:**

**FINDING NO. 2021-001 (significant deficiency, noncompliance)**

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

**Criteria:** The Town is required, by state statutes, to prepare a budget for all required governmental funds of the Town and to monitor and modify the budget as necessary to ensure all expenditures are within the budgeted amounts.

**Condition:** The Town had a budget overage in four expenditure categories for the year ended September 30, 2021.

**Cause:** The Town did not properly amend the budget to prevent budget overages.

**Effect:** The Town was out of compliance with state budgeting requirements.

**Recommendation:** The Town should ensure that all expenditures are within the final amended budget amounts. The Town Clerk should generate monthly budget to actual revenue and expense reports that should be used to ensure budgets are amended before expenses are disbursed in excess of budgeted amounts.

**Response:** The Town will take steps necessary to provide the Board with accurate revenue and expense budget to actual comparisons on a monthly basis for all required accounts. The Town will take steps necessary to ensure that budgets are amended prior to budget overages occurring.

**FINDING NO. 2021-002 (significant deficiency, noncompliance)**

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

**Criteria:** The Town is to participate in the centralized pledging program (State Collateral Pool) to satisfy pledging requirements for deposits at financial institutions where the Town maintains public funds.

**Condition:** The Town did not ensure that all bank accounts were covered under the State Treasurer pool for the year ended September 30, 2021.

**Cause:** The Town left off one account on the Annual Report to the State Treasurer.

**Effect:** The Town was out of compliance with the Mississippi Code 27-105-5.

**Recommendation:** The Town should implement adequate controls to ensure that all relevant reports regarding the State Collateral Pool are maintained and should reconcile the reports with the financial records of the Town.

**Response:** The Town will ensure that it has all current State Collateral Pool reports from the State Treasurer so as to ensure that all Town deposits are properly collateralized. The Town will file the annual report with the State Treasurer and ensure all accounts are included in the future.

**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (continued):**

**FINDING NO. 2021-003 (noncompliance)**

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

**Criteria:** The Town is required, by Section 99-19-73 and Section 83-39-31, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), to collect assessments on municipal court fines. Also, the Town is required to make monthly deposits to the state treasurer for the total state assessments collected.

**Condition:** The Town did not remit assessments on a timely basis during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. All assessments that were collected were subsequently remitted to the State Treasurer; however, two of these remittances were outside of the prescribed time period.

**Cause:** The Town lacked adequate controls to ensure that assessments were remitted in a timely manner.

**Effect:** The Town is not in compliance with the applicable requirements as required by state statute and as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.

**Recommendation:** The Town should implement a system of controls that ensures all required assessments are remitted to the state treasurer in conformity with state statutes.

**Response:** The Town will take steps necessary to ensure that assessments are remitted in accordance with state statutes.

**FINDING NO. 2021-004 (material weakness, noncompliance)**

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

**Criteria:** The Town is required, by state statutes, to maintain adequate subsidiary records substantiating the existence, completeness and valuation of its fixed assets.

**Condition:** The Town does not have a complete and accurate listing of all fixed assets. The Town has not ensured that all fixed assets are properly tagged and accounted for in compliance with state laws at the time of purchase.

**Cause:** The Town has not fully implemented an adequate system of controls for properly tracking activity of fixed assets.

**Effect:** The Town is not in compliance with the applicable requirements as required by state statute as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.



**TOWN OF BYHALIA, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (continued):**

**Recommendation:** The Town should conduct an annual year-end inventory observation of its fixed assets as required by state statutes. The Town should also implement a system of controls that ensures all new assets purchased are charged to the proper capital outlay accounts, properly tagged and added to the inventory listing as soon as they are placed into service.

**Response:** The Town will review the current internal controls over fixed assets and implement changes as needed to ensure compliance with state statutes. An annual inventory will be performed near year-end to ensure all assets are properly tagged and accounted for.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Byhalia, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 and have issued our report dated September 15, 2022. We have 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*.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses can be found in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as finding no. 2021-001, 2021-002, 2021-003, and 2021-004.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended for the information of the Town's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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