

**TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
NORTH CAROLINA
AUDIT REPORT
JUNE 30, 2022**

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TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen
Town of West Jefferson, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying 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 West Jefferson, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of West Jefferson's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position 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 West Jefferson as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows (where applicable) thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and major, annually budgeted special revenue funds, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Town of West Jefferson's ABC Board, which represent 92 percent, 91 percent, and 97 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues, respectively, of the aggregate discretely presented component units, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Town of West Jefferson's ABC Board, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis of Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of West Jefferson and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions. The financial statements of Town of West Jefferson's ABC Board and the West Jefferson TDA were not audited in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Governmental Auditing Standards* we

- * exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- * identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- * obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of West Jefferson's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- * evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- * conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of West Jefferson's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of Changes in Total Pension Liability (Exhibit A-3) and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered

Payroll (Exhibit A-4), and the Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions (Exhibits A-1 and A-2, respectively) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, although not a part of basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consist of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Jefferson's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules, as well as the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and State Single Audit Implementation Act are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, and the report of other auditors the combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2022, on our consideration of the Town of West Jefferson's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of West Jefferson's 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 West Jefferson's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Jefferson, NC
November 17, 2022

**TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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As management of the Town of West Jefferson, we offer readers of the Town of West Jefferson's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of West Jefferson for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

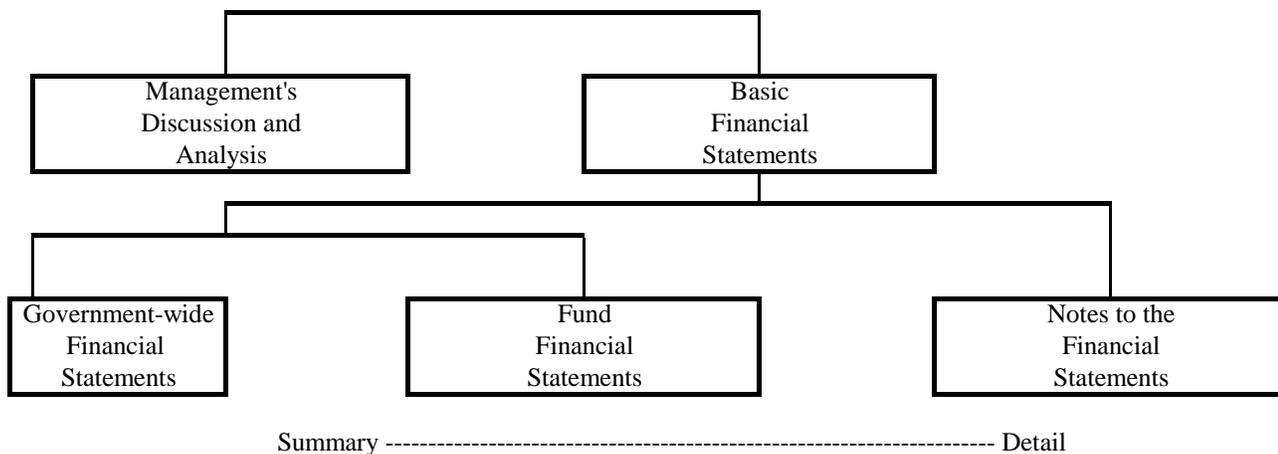
Financial Highlights

- * The assets (and deferred outflows of resources) of The Town of West Jefferson exceeded its liabilities (and deferred inflows of resources) at the close of the fiscal year by \$16,011,708 (net position).
- * The government's total net position decreased by \$14,249 due to a decrease in governmental activities net position of \$199,691. There was an increase in the business-type activities net position of \$185,442.
- * As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of West Jefferson's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,760,840, which includes a net decrease of \$523,171 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 34 percent of this total amount, or \$961,855, is non-spendable or restricted.
- * At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,535,304 or 54.18 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- * The Town of West Jefferson's total debt decreased by \$161,544 (18.48%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease is principal payments of \$180,682.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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



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Basic Financial Statements

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

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 8) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar to the financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Town's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how they have changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets (and deferred outflows of resources) and total liabilities (and deferred inflows of resources). Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into two categories: 1) governmental activities; and 2) business-type activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the Town charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer services offered by the Town of West Jefferson.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

Proprietary Funds - The Town of West Jefferson has one proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. *Enterprise Funds* are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town of West Jefferson uses an enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer activity. This fund is the same as the functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are found in Exhibit 9 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities - The Town depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the Town is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

**Town of West Jefferson Net Position
Figure 2**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Assets:						
Current and other assets	\$ 2,918,553	\$ 3,385,588	\$ 1,228,375	\$ 1,057,255	\$ 4,146,928	\$ 4,442,843
Capital assets	3,599,317	3,284,348	9,605,539	9,711,912	13,204,856	12,996,260
Deferred outflows of resources	310,962	279,379	60,733	51,889	371,695	331,268
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 6,828,832	\$ 6,949,315	\$ 10,894,647	\$ 10,821,056	\$ 17,723,479	\$ 17,770,371
Liabilities:						
Long-term liabilities	\$ 346,377	\$ 654,774	\$ 682,216	\$ 873,159	\$ 1,028,593	\$ 1,527,933
Other liabilities	223,442	107,709	101,140	83,619	324,582	191,328
Deferred inflows of resources	294,395	22,522	64,201	2,630	358,596	25,152
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 864,214	\$ 785,005	\$ 847,557	\$ 959,408	\$ 1,711,771	\$ 1,744,413
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 3,552,697	\$ 3,183,884	\$ 8,954,539	\$ 8,938,072	\$ 12,507,236	\$ 12,121,956
Restricted	961,855	921,108	17,990	15,322	979,845	936,430
Unrestricted	1,450,066	2,059,318	1,074,561	908,254	2,524,627	2,967,572
Total net position	\$ 5,964,618	\$ 6,164,310	\$ 10,047,090	\$ 9,861,648	\$ 16,011,708	\$ 16,025,958

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As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets (and deferred outflows) of the Town of West Jefferson exceeded liabilities (and deferred inflows) by \$16,011,708 as of June 30, 2022. The Town's net position decreased by \$14,250 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. However, the largest portion (78.11%) reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The Town of West Jefferson uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of West Jefferson's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town of West Jefferson's net position \$979,845 (6.12%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$2,524,627 is unrestricted.

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

- * West Jefferson's property tax collection rate increased slightly from 98.64% to 98.72%, for property other than vehicles.
- * The Town's property valuation base decreased by \$49.4 million.
- * Total tax revenues were higher than budgeted by \$30,317, but lower than last year by \$628,193, due mainly to a large corporate refund issued.

**Town of West Jefferson Changes in Net Position
Figure 3**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 32,278	\$ 33,139	\$ 1,097,907	\$ 1,017,983	\$ 1,130,185	\$ 1,051,122
Operating grants and contributions	315,804	437,530			315,804	437,530
Capital grants and contributions	50,106	30,785		86,707	50,106	117,492
General revenues:						
Property taxes	1,043,082	1,708,552			1,043,082	1,708,552
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	1,180,822	896,040			1,180,822	896,040
Other	47,059	25,499	4,994	5,572	52,053	31,071
Transfers (net)	(209,544)		209,544		-	-
Total revenues	\$ 2,459,607	\$ 3,131,545	\$ 1,312,445	\$ 1,110,262	\$ 3,772,052	\$ 4,241,807
Expenses:						
General government	\$ 613,422	\$ 527,959	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613,422	\$ 527,959
Public safety	965,942	983,276			965,942	983,276
Highways/streets	685,330	601,881			685,330	601,881
Economic development	152,294	141,667			152,294	141,667
Environmental protection	110,856	107,076			110,856	107,076
Cultural and recreation	128,038	102,972			128,038	102,972
Interest on long-term debt	3,416	4,310			3,416	4,310
Water and sewer			1,127,003	1,172,570	1,127,003	1,172,570
Total expenses	\$ 2,659,298	\$ 2,469,141	\$ 1,127,003	\$ 1,172,570	\$ 3,786,301	\$ 3,641,711
Increase in net position before transfers	(199,691)	662,404	185,442	(62,308)	(14,249)	600,096
Net position, July 1	6,164,309	5,501,906	9,861,648	9,923,956	16,025,957	15,425,862
Net position, June 30	\$ 5,964,618	\$ 6,164,310	\$ 10,047,090	\$ 9,861,648	\$ 16,011,708	\$ 16,025,958

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Governmental activities: Governmental activities decreased the Town's net position by \$199,691. The key element of this decrease is the drop in tax revenue as discussed earlier.

Business-type activities: Business-type activities increased the Town of West Jefferson's net position by \$185,442. A key element of this increase is due to the transfer-in of ARPA Funds.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

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

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town of West Jefferson's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of West Jefferson's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of West Jefferson. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$1,535,304, while total fund balance reached \$2,621,691. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 54.18 percent of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 92.52 percent of that same amount.

At June 30, 2022, the governmental funds of the Town of West Jefferson reported a combined fund balance of \$2,760,840 an 18.95 percent decrease from last year. The largest contributor to this decrease is a decrease in General Fund operations of \$464,439.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights: During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

Proprietary Fund: The Town of West Jefferson's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$1,074,561. The total change in net position was an increase of \$185,442. Other factors concerning the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Town of West Jefferson's business-type activities.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets: The Town of West Jefferson's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2022, totals \$13,204,875 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles. Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following transactions:

- * Carrier 5 ton heat pump condenser for Town Hall
- * Vehicles and equipment purchased for Police
- * Truck and equipment purchased for Street Department
- * RTV for the Park
- * Remodel for the Fire Department
- * Air Packs for the Fire Department
- * Play equipment and basketball court remodel for Park
- * Jefferson Avenue sidewalk project
- * Various other paving and sidewalk projects
- * Granite inliner for sewer system
- * Various Water and Sewer equipment and upgrades, including hydrant replacements and mower

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Town of West Jefferson Capital Assets

Figure 4

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Land	\$ 409,464	\$ 414,464	\$ 140,780	\$ 140,780	\$ 550,244	\$ 555,244
Buildings and system	533,741	453,497	9,171,192	9,341,987	9,704,933	9,795,484
Improvements other than buildings	1,871,580	1,602,345			1,871,580	1,602,345
Machinery and equipment	357,334	336,988	275,458	196,746	632,792	533,734
Vehicles and motorized equipment	427,197	464,554	18,110	32,394	445,307	496,948
Construction in progress		12,500			-	12,500
Total	\$ 3,599,316	\$ 3,284,348	\$ 9,605,540	\$ 9,711,907	\$ 13,204,856	\$ 12,996,255

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note III.A.3 and 6 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt: As of June 30, 2022, the Town of West Jefferson had total debt outstanding of \$712,750, of this amount, \$61,750 is debt backed by the full faith and credit of the Town. The remainder of the Town's debt represents bonds secured solely by specific revenue sources (revenue bonds).

Town of West Jefferson's Outstanding Debt

Figure 5

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Direct placement installment purchase	\$ 46,620	\$ 100,464	\$ -	\$ 110,840	\$ 46,620	\$ 211,304
Revenue bonds			651,000	663,000	651,000	663,000
Capital leases	15,130				15,130	-
Total	\$ 61,750	\$ 100,464	\$ 651,000	\$ 773,840	\$ 712,750	\$ 874,304

The Town of West Jefferson's debt decreased by \$161,554 (18.48%) during the past fiscal year, mainly due to principal payments of \$180,682.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town of West Jefferson is approximately \$28 million.

Additional information regarding the Town of West Jefferson long-term debt can be found in Note III.B.5 of this report.

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Economic Factors FY 2021-2022 and FY 2021-2022 Budget and Rates

The following are some of the economic factors and highlights that had an impact on FY 2021-2022 Budget & Rates.

General Fund

- Property Tax Collection remained consistent with prior year
- Local Option Sales Tax revenue increased from prior year approximately 13.5%.
- Utility Franchise Tax was flat compared to FY 20-21
- ABC General Distribution continues to increase as the ABC Store sales continue to increase
- Miscellaneous income
 - . Police grant for radios - \$20,133
 - . Sale of land - \$10,000
- Extraordinary Items:
 - . GE Incentive -\$135,627 - reduced due to investments lower than estimated
 - . Tax Refund GE - \$382,413 (net of discovery) - GE overstated personal property for 2019 & 2020
 - . Wilkes Community College Donation of \$16,666
 - . Paddy Mtn - \$100,000 - Partnered with BR Conservancy and County to purchase
 - . New Police Vehicles - \$70,540
 - . Sidewalks North Jefferson Ave -\$240,860
 - . Pave maintenance lot -\$46,930
 - . Pave alley behind Chamber of Commerce - \$36,874
 - . Additional paving - \$90,000 plus Powell Bill expenditures \$45,489 = \$135,489

Park

- Playground Equipment - \$33,937
- Basketball Court - \$16,844
- Kubota - \$20,299

Fire Department

- State Grant - \$29,793 - for Equipment
- Miscellaneous Income - \$18,596 - Fire Truck Damage - insurance check
- Extraordinary Items
 - . \$60,364 - purchase turnout gear with \$29,793 match
 - . \$80,200 - Renovate Fire Department

Capital Project - Sewer (American Rescue Plan)

- . \$209,550 - Grant Funds
- . \$209,550 - Revenue Replacement for waste/sewer salaries/benefits

Water/Sewer

- Water & sewer revenues increased compared to prior year as COVID-19 was ending and business was going back towards normal.
- Revenue Replacement ARP Funds
- Extraordinary Items:
 - . I&I Repair Sewer Lines - \$171,301
 - . Miscellaneous Pump replacement/SCADA upgrade - \$29,580
 - . Backup Aerators installed at oxidation ditch - \$20,249

**TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023

General Fund

Revenues

The major source of General Fund revenue is the property tax, accounting for approximately 50.3% of all revenues in the General Fund. The property tax rate will remain at 42 cents per \$100 of valuation, as was in FY 21-22. Of the 42 cents, 39 cents will go to the General Fund and 3 cents to the Park.

- . Local Option Sales tax for FY 22-23 is projected to increase approximately 3% over FY 21-22 which is estimated to be 8% higher YTD- Total - \$575,000
- . Utility Franchise Tax projected to be flat - \$200,000
- . ABC Contribution - \$180,000
- . Appropriated Fund Balance - \$125,000
- . Transfer from CP Sewer - \$34,000

Expenditures

Group health insurance will increase by 10% for FY 22-23, with employee coverage to remain the same, with the Town continuing to pay 100% of the employees' cost.

A 13% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees.

Republic Services 4.2% (CPI water/sewer/trash index increase) for a total of \$110,000.

Significant budget items in the General Fund worth noting include:

- . \$2,000 - Bonus for each employee
- . \$4,000 - Pay Planning Board \$50/meeting
- . \$20,000 - Attorney
- . \$27,000 - Audit
- . \$4,000 - Facade Grants
- . \$3,000 - ALP - Ordinance update
- . \$8,400- Downtown Wi-Fi
- . \$7,000 - Christmas Decorations
- . \$100,000 - GE Incentive Amended
- . \$100,000 - Paddy Mountain Land
- . \$44,000 - Fire Department Contribution
- . \$72,000 - Purchase of new police car with equipment
- . \$10,000 - Salt for roads during winter months
- . \$15,000 - Downtown Flowers
- . \$55,000 - Used Skid Steer
- . \$10,000 - new utility trailer
- . \$90,000 - Additional paving funds
- . \$30,000 - Pave Alleyway
- . \$30,000 - Replace section of Downtown Sidewalk
- . \$47,000 - Loan Payments Track Hoe, dump truck, street sweeper

**TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

Parks

Revenues

Property Taxes comprise the majority of Park Revenues, which is 3 cents of the 42 cents per one hundred dollars in valuation.

- . \$5,000 - Fund Balance Appropriated

Expenditures

Significant budget items in the Park worth noting include:

- . \$8,000 - new benches/picnic tables

Powell Bill

Revenues

Powell Bill revenues are disbursed by the State to the Town into two distributions, one in October and one in January of each year, based on a formula which is based upon population and miles of Town-maintained roads. Revenues \$40,000.

Expenditures

We intend to prioritize our Town street resurfacing by those in most need of resurfacing.

Fire Department

Revenues

- . \$150,000 - Fund Balance Appropriated
- . \$30,000 Possible Grant for Equipment

Expenditures

- . \$60,000 - Equipment (air packs)
- . \$240,000 -New Service Truck
- . \$5,000 - Hose testing
- . \$4,000 Tables/Chairs meeting room

Capital Project - Sewer (ARP Funds)

Revenues

- . \$209,550 - ARP

Expenditures

- . Water/Sewer Salaries/Benefits - \$155,500
- . General Fund Salaries/Benefits - \$50,000
- . Park Salaries/Benefits - \$5,000

**TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

Water and Sewer Fund

Revenues

A three percent (3%) rate increase for water and sewer

Expenditures

Significant budget items in the Water/Sewer worth noting include:

- . Pay extra on USDA Loans \$22,000 - if continue annually should reduce from 40 years to 20
- . \$8,000 - Chemical feed pumps
- . \$8,000 - Well Meters
- . \$28,000 - Parts Filter Plant
- . \$11,000 - Data loggers
- . \$50,000 - Miscellaneous Water line/valve replacement
- . \$50,000 - Transfer to Sewer from Water
- . \$25,000 - Landfill Fees- Polymer new dewatering system
- . \$11,000 - Backwash pump & pump for sludge truck loading
- . \$16,000 - SCADA - Beaver Creek & Greenfield pump station
- . \$70,000 - Blowers/aerators Digestors (hoping for grant funding)
- . \$154,550 - Rehab old terracotta sewer lines

Requests for information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Finance Officer, Town of West Jefferson, P.O. Box 490, West Jefferson, NC 28694. You can also call (336)246-3551 or visit our website at www.townofwj.com for more information.

**Overview of Component Units
(Discretely Presented)
June 30, 2022**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Activity Performed</u>
West Jefferson Tourism Development Authority	July 7, 2005	Promotion of Travel and Tourism
Town of West Jefferson Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control	March 6, 2007	ABC Board

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

	Primary Government				
	Governmental	Business-type	Total	Component Units	
	Activities	Activities		WJ ABC Board	WJTDA
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 1,912,656	\$ 1,069,511	\$ 2,982,167	\$ 419,461	\$ 99,602
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	688,928	62,010	750,938		
Inventories				416,898	
Taxes Receivables (net)	25,582		25,582		
Accrued Interest Receivable on Taxes	3,458		3,458		
Accrued Interest Receivable on Leases	125		125		
Account Receivable (net)	9,971	96,854	106,825		
Lease Receivable	3,343		3,343		
Due from Other Governments	252,673		252,673		26,084
Prepaid Expenses				2,257	
Total Current Assets	2,896,736	1,228,375	4,125,111	838,616	125,686
Non-Current Assets:					
Lease Receivable, Non Current	6,939		6,939		
Right to Use Leased Assets, Net of Amort.	14,878		14,878		
Non-Current Assets Before Capital Assets	21,817	-	21,817	-	-
Capital Assets:					
Land, Non-Depreciable Improvements, and Construction in Progress	421,964	140,780	562,744	95,614	
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	3,177,353	9,464,759	12,642,112	485,670	
Total Capital Assets	3,599,317	9,605,539	13,204,856	581,284	-
Total Non-Current Assets	3,621,134	9,605,539	13,226,673	581,284	-
Total Assets	\$ 6,517,870	\$ 10,833,914	\$ 17,351,784	\$ 1,419,900	\$ 125,686
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred Outflows for Pensions	\$ 310,962	\$ 60,733	\$ 371,695	\$ 78,247	\$ -

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

	Primary Government				
	Governmental	Business-type	Total	Component Units	
	Activities	Activities		WJ ABC	Board
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	71,622	24,001	95,623	154,575	1,566
Due To Other Governments	26,084		26,084	61,152	
Accrued Interest Payable	432	1,041	1,473		
Compensated Absences	74,429	20,078	94,507	13,848	
Customer Deposits	19	44,020	44,039		
Current Portion of Long-Term Liabilities	50,856	12,000	62,856		
Total Current Liabilities	223,442	101,140	324,582	229,575	1,566
Long-term Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liability (LGERS)	179,309	43,216	222,525	24,691	
Net Pension Liability (LEO)	156,174		156,174		
Due In More Than One Year	10,894	639,000	649,894		
Total Liabilities	\$ 569,819	\$ 783,356	\$ 1,353,175	\$ 254,266	\$ 1,566
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred Inflows for Pensions	\$ 278,450	\$ 64,201	\$ 342,651	\$ 35,276	
Lease Receivable	10,835		10,835		
Unearned Revenues	5,110		5,110		
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 294,395	\$ 64,201	\$ 358,596	\$ 35,276	\$ -
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,552,697	8,954,539	12,507,236	581,284	
Restricted for:					
Stabilization by State Statute	272,926		272,926		26,084
Public Safety	641,947		641,947		
Transportation	46,982		46,982		
Working Capital				93,900	
USDA Reserves		17,990	17,990		
Unrestricted	1,450,066	1,074,561	2,524,627	533,421	98,036
Total Net Position	\$ 5,964,618	\$ 10,047,090	\$ 16,011,708	\$ 1,208,605	\$ 124,120

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Functions/Programs	PROGRAM REVENUES				NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT			COMPONENT UNITS	
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	WJ ABC BOARD	WJTDA
Primary Government:									
Governmental Activities:									
General Government	\$ 613,422	\$ -	\$ 3,047	\$ -	(610,375)	\$ -	\$ (610,375)	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	965,942	930	262,277	50,106	(652,629)		(652,629)		
Transportation	685,330		48,796	-	(636,534)		(636,534)		
Economic Development	152,294	7,625	-		(144,669)		(144,669)		
Environmental Protection	110,856	18,143	1,019		(91,694)		(91,694)		
Cultural and Recreation	128,038	5,580	665		(121,793)		(121,793)		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,416				(3,416)		(3,416)		
Total Governmental Activities	2,659,298	32,278	315,804	50,106	(2,261,110)		(2,261,110)	-	-
Business-Type Activities:									
Water and Sewer	1,127,003	1,097,907				(29,096)	(29,096)		
Total Business-Type Activities	1,127,003	1,097,907				(29,096)	(29,096)		
Total Primary Government	\$ 3,786,301	\$ 1,130,185	\$ 315,804	\$ 50,106	\$ (2,261,110)	\$ (29,096)	\$ (2,290,206)		
Component Units:									
ABC Board	\$ 3,084,574	\$ 3,178,337						\$ 93,763	
Tourism Development Authority	\$ 93,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ (93,771)
General Revenues:									
Taxes:									
Property taxes, levied for general purpose					1,043,082		1,043,082		
Other taxes and licenses					-		-		99,898
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,180,822		1,180,822		
Unrestricted Investment earnings					13,487	4,994	18,481		400
Miscellaneous					33,572		33,572		-
Transfers (net)					(209,544)	209,544	-		
Total general revenues and transfers					2,061,419	214,538	2,275,957		100,298
Change in Net Position					(199,691)	185,442	(14,249)	-	6,527
Net Position- Beginning					6,164,309	9,861,648	16,025,957	1,114,842	117,593
Net Position- Ending					\$ 5,964,618	\$ 10,047,090	\$ 16,011,708	\$ 1,208,605	\$ 124,120

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	Major Funds		Total Non - Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	ARPA Fund		
ASSETS				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,772,726	\$ -	\$ 139,930	\$ 1,912,656
Cash & Cash Equivalents- Restricted	688,928			688,928
Receivables, Net:				
Taxes	23,741		1,841	25,582
Accounts	9,971			9,971
Lease	10,282			10,282
Due from Other Governments	252,205		468	252,673
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,757,853</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 142,239</u>	<u>\$ 2,900,092</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 70,373	\$ -	\$ 1,249	\$ 71,622
Customer Deposit	19			19
Due to Other Governments	26,084			26,084
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 96,476</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,249</u>	<u>\$ 97,725</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Taxes Receivable	\$ 23,741	\$ -	\$ 1,841	\$ 25,582
Prepaid Taxes	4,630			4,630
Prepaid Beer & Wine License	480			480
Lease Receivable	10,835			10,835
Total Deferred Inflows of Resource	<u>\$ 39,686</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,841</u>	<u>\$ 41,527</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted:				
Stabilization by State Statute	\$ 272,458	\$ -	\$ 468	\$ 272,926
Public Safety - Police	6,006			6,006
Streets - Powell Bill	46,982			46,982
Public Safety Fire Department	635,941			635,941
Committed:				
For Park Maintenance			51,352	51,352
Assigned:				
Appropriated Fund Balance	125,000		5,000	130,000
Cemetery Maintenance			38,845	38,845
Capital Projects			43,484	43,484
Unassigned:	1,535,304			1,535,304
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,621,691</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 139,149</u>	<u>\$ 2,760,840</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,757,853</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 142,239</u>	

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

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

Total governmental fund balance	\$	2,760,840
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Gross Capital assets at historical cost	\$	8,053,012
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(4,453,695)</u>
		3,599,317
Right to use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Right to use assets at historical cost	\$	19,128
Accumulated Amortization		<u>(4,250)</u>
		14,878
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds		310,962
Other long-term assets (accrued interest receivable from taxes and leases) are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are not reported in the funds.		3,583
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements (taxes receivables).		25,582
Some liabilities, including compensated absences and accrued interest payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		(74,861)
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Long-term debt and accrued interest		(61,750)
Net pension liabilities		(335,483)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds		<u>(278,450)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>5,964,618</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 4

	Major Funds		Total Non - Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	ARPA Fund		
Revenues				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 953,817	\$ -	\$ 107,587	\$ 1,061,404
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	974,325			974,325
Restricted Intergovernmental	340,088	209,544		549,632
Permits & Fees	26,698			26,698
Investment Earnings	13,488		665	14,153
Miscellaneous	60,557		5,580	66,137
Total Revenues	\$ 2,368,973	\$ 209,544	\$ 113,832	\$ 2,692,349
Expenditures				
General Governmental	\$ 595,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 595,657
Public Safety	1,012,800			1,012,800
Transportation	898,931			898,931
Economic Development	152,294			152,294
Environmental Protection	110,855			110,855
Cultural & Recreational	1,200		172,363	173,563
Debt Services:				
Principal	57,842			57,842
Interest and Other Charges	4,033			4,033
Capital Outlay				
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,833,612	\$ -	\$ 172,363	\$ 3,005,975
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (464,639)	\$ 209,544	\$ (58,531)	\$ (313,626)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Other Funds		(209,544)		(209,544)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (209,544)	\$ -	\$ (209,544)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (464,639)	\$ -	\$ (58,531)	\$ (523,170)
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of Year, July 1	\$ 3,086,330	\$ -	\$ 197,681	\$ 3,284,011
End of Year, June 30	\$ 2,621,691	\$ -	\$ 139,150	\$ 2,760,841

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 4

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (523,170)

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

Capital outlay expenditures	700,790	
Depreciation expense	<u>(380,821)</u>	319,969

Right to use leased asset capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized	19,128	
Amortization expense for leased assets	<u>(4,250)</u>	14,878

The cost of capital assets disposed of during the year are not recognized in the governmental funds		(5,000)
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Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities		89,961
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Increase (Decrease) in unavailable revenue for tax revenues		(15,145)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued interest receivable on taxes		(3,178)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued interest receivable on leases		125

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

Issuance of long term debt (loans and leases)	(19,128)	
Repayment of long-term debt	57,842	
(Increase) Decrease in accrued interest payable	<u>617</u>	39,331

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.

(Increase) Decrease in compensated absences payable		(15,829)
Pension expense		(101,633)

Total change in net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ (199,691)</u>
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TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 5

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,241,000	\$ 923,500	\$ 953,817	\$ 30,317
Unrestricted intergovernmental	885,000	905,000	974,325	69,325
Restricted intergovernmental	294,000	312,800	340,088	27,288
Permits and fees	22,000	24,000	26,698	2,698
Investment earnings	21,000	21,000	13,488	(7,512)
Miscellaneous	-	56,500	60,557	4,057
Total Revenues	\$ 2,463,000	\$ 2,242,800	\$ 2,368,973	\$ 126,173
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	543,500	648,500	595,657	52,843
Public Safety	971,000	1,048,500	1,012,800	35,700
Transportation	797,000	954,800	898,931	55,869
Economic Development	166,700	166,700	152,294	14,406
Environmental Protection	111,000	111,000	110,855	145
Cultural and Recreational	1,300	1,300	1,200	100
Debt service	62,500	62,500	61,875	625
Contingency	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Total Expenditures	2,663,000	3,003,300	2,833,612	169,688
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (200,000)	\$ (760,500)	\$ (464,639)	\$ 295,861
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer to other funds				-
Appropriated fund balance	200,000	760,500		(760,500)
Total other financing sources (uses)	200,000	760,500	-	(760,500)
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (464,639)	\$ (464,639)
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year July 1			3,086,330	
End of year June 30			\$ 2,621,691	

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TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 6

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,069,511
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	62,010
Accounts Receivable - Net	96,854
Due from Other Governments	-
Total Current Assets	1,228,375
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital Assets - Net	9,605,539
Total Noncurrent Assets	9,605,539
Total Assets	\$ 10,833,914

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pension Deferrals	\$ 60,733
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities	\$ 24,001
Note Interest Accrued	1,041
Compensated Absences	20,078
Revenue Bond Payable - Current	12,000
Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:	
Customer Deposits	44,020
Total Current Liabilities	101,140
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Net Pension Liabilities	43,216
Revenue Bond Payable- Noncurrent	639,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	682,216
Total Liabilities	\$ 783,356

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pension Deferrals	\$ 64,201
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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 8,954,539
Restricted for USDA Reserves	17,990
Unrestricted	1,074,561
Total Net Position	\$ 10,047,090

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN
FUND NET POSITION - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>ENTERPRISE</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services - Water	\$ 565,844
Charges for Services - Sewer	518,848
Water & Sewer Taps	12,725
Other Operating Revenue	490
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,097,907
Operating Expenses:	
Water Department	371,492
Sewer Department	388,619
Depreciation	351,565
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,111,676
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (13,769)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Earned on Investments	4,994
Interest on Long-Term Debt	(15,327)
Income Before Contributions and Transfers	\$ (24,102)
Contributions and Transfers	
Transfer from ARPA Fund	209,544
Change in Net Position	\$ 185,442
Total Net Position, beginning	9,861,648
Total Net Position, ended	\$ 10,047,090

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>ENTERPRISE</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 1,082,752
Cash Paid for Goods and Services	(509,510)
Cash Paid to /for Employees	(251,546)
Customer Deposits Received	13,986
Customer Deposits Returned	(10,326)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 325,356
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Transfer From ARPA Fund	\$ 209,544
Net Cash Received from Noncapital Financing Activities	\$ 209,544
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Contributed Capital (Grants Received)	\$ -
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(245,197)
Principal Paid on Bonds and Equipment Contracts	(122,840)
Interest Paid on Bonds and Equipment Contracts	(15,892)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	\$ (383,929)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest on Investments	\$ 4,994
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 155,965
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	975,556
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,131,521
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (13,769)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	\$ 351,565
Pension Expense	17,457
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(15,155)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(1,825)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	3,660
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	4,256
Current Year Contribution to Pension	(20,833)
Total Adjustments	\$ 339,125
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 325,356

Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities: none.

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

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of West Jefferson conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of West Jefferson is a municipal corporation which is governed by an elected mayor and a five-member council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town and its component units, legally separate entities for which the Town is financially accountable. The West Jefferson TDA and the West Jefferson ABC Board are presented as if they are separate proprietary funds of the Town (discrete presentation). The discretely presented component units of the Town issue separately audited financial statements, copies of which may be obtained from the Town's finance office at PO Box 490, West Jefferson, NC 28694.

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Brief Description of Activities and Relationship to the Town</u>
West Jefferson Tourism Development Authority	The West Jefferson TDA was organized to promote travel and tourism in the Town of West Jefferson. The Town's Board of Aldermen appoints the three member board of the Authority to serve two - year terms. The Authority collects a 3% room occupancy tax in order to promote travel, tourism, and conventions, sponsor tourist - related events and activities, and finance tourist - related capital projects in the Town.
Town of West Jefferson Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control	The ABC Board operates one liquor store, and through its law enforcement division, investigates violations of North Carolina ABC laws. The members of the ABC Board's governing body are appointed by the Town. In addition, the ABC Board is required to distribute its surplus to the General Fund of the Town.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

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

American Rescue Plan Fund - This fund accounts for the transactions related to the American Rescue Plan Funds.

The Town reports the following non-major governmental funds:

Cemetery Special Revenue Fund - This fund is used to account for cemetery plot sales, used for the care of the municipal cemetery.

Park Special Revenue Fund - This fund is used to account for the care and maintenance of the Town Park which is primarily funded by a percentage of ad valorem taxes.

Capital Project Fund - This fund is used to account for the construction of governmental-type capital projects.

The Town reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Town are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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

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

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue because the tax is levied by Ashe County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by combination of specific cost- reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost - reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, the Park (Special Revenue) Fund and the Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Capital Projects Fund and the Enterprise Fund Capital Projects Funds, which are consolidated with the operating funds for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts up to \$10,000 between departments within the same fund, but must make an official report to the governing board. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

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

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town and its component units are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town and its components units may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town and its component units may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and Super NOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the Town and its component units to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain nonguaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents. The Town's component units consider all high liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The ABC board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

3. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because it can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136 - 41.4. Fire department funds are classified as restricted cash because the funds are mainly from fire tax revenues collected and remitted by the County of Ashe for fire department use only. Police funds are classified as restricted cash because they can only be expended for public safety purposes. USDA reserve funds are restricted per the USDA Water and Sewer Bond agreement.

<u>Town of West Jefferson Restricted Cash</u>		
Governmental Activities		
General Fund		
Police	\$	6,006
Streets		46,982
Fire		635,940
Total Governmental Activities	\$	688,928
Business-type Activities		
Water and Sewer Fund		
Customer deposits	\$	44,020
USDA reserves		17,990
Total Business-type Activities	\$	62,010
Total Restricted Cash	\$	750,938

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2021. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

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

6. Lease Receivable

The Town's lease receivable is measured at the present value of the lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. There are no variable components under the lease agreement. A deferred inflow of resources is recorded for the lease. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable. The deferred inflow of resources is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

7. Inventories

The inventories of the Town's General Fund consist of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Inventories in the enterprise fund are considered immaterial and, therefore, are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Inventories of the ABC Board are valued at the lower of cost (FIFO) or market.

8. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are \$5,000 for all capital asset purchases. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Infrastructure	20
Buildings	50
Improvements	20
Vehicles	5
Furniture & equipment	10
Computer equipment	3
Computer software	5

9. Right to Use Assets

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

10. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has one item that meets this criterion - contributions made to the pension plan in the 2022 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized until then. The Town has five items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, leases receivable, prepaid business registrations, and deferrals of pension expense.

11. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount.

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

12. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the Town is to assign vacation days at the beginning of the calendar year, based on length of service. No more than 30 days (240 hours) of accumulated vacation leave may be carried forward to the next calendar year. Any excess will be converted to sick leave. The Town's liability for accumulated earned vacation as of the end of the fiscal year is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis.

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

13. Reimbursements for Pandemic-related Expenditure

In FY 2020/21, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID -19 response efforts and replace lost revenue for the eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. The Town was allocated \$419,087 of fiscal recovery funds to be paid in two equal installments. The first installment of \$209,544 was received in August 2021. The second installment will be received in July 2022. Town management and the Board of Aldermen have elected to use all of the ARPA funds for revenue replacement to cover salaries and benefits, mostly in the Water and Sewer Fund.

14. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

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

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balance as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance was zero at year end.

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

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - North Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by North Carolina State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. **Restricted by State statute (RSS)**, is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for

all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in G.S. 159-8 (a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State statute". *Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget.* Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaid as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net Position and Restricted Fund Balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Streets - Powell Bill - portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Restricted for Public Safety - Police - portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for certain law enforcement expenditures.

Restricted for Public Safety - Fire Department - portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for fire department expenditures.

Committed Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing body.

Committed for Park Maintenance - portion of fund balance that is committed for the care and maintenance of the municipal park. A portion of ad valorem taxes is budgeted each year for this purpose.

Assigned fund balance - portion of fund balance that the Town of West Jefferson intends to use for specific purposes.

Assigned for Capital Projects - portion of fund balance that has been assigned by the Board for governmental fund type capital projects.

Assigned for Cemetery Maintenance - portion of fund balance that has been assigned by the Board for special care and maintenance of the municipal cemetery, funded by cemetery plot sales.

Subsequent year's expenditures - portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation; however the budget ordinance authorizes the manager to modify the appropriations by resource or appropriation within funds up to \$10,000.

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

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

II. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Significant Violations of Finance - Related Legal Contractual Provisions

There were no instances of material matters of noncompliance with federal and State General Statute requirements.

B. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, there were no instances of expenditures in excess of appropriations.

III. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the deposits of the Town are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's agent in the units' name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agent in its name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2022, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount \$3,732,622 and a bank balance of \$4,252,279. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. At June 30, 2022 the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$484.

2. Receivables - Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position are presented net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
General Fund-Accounts Receivable	\$ 278
General Fund - Taxes Receivable	7,100
Enterprise Fund - Accounts Receivable	<u>3,600</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 10,978</u></u>

3. Lease Receivable

In January 2021, the Town entered into a lease with Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Under the lease, the company pays the Town \$3,600 per year for five years in exchange for an easement and right of way extending from The Professional Way for the placement of cellular communication equipment. There are no variable payments included in this lease. The lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 2.5% which is the Town's incremental borrowing rate.

In fiscal year 2022, the Town recognized \$2,709 of lease revenue and \$463 of interest revenue under the lease.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 9

4. Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

Governmental activities:	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 414,464	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 409,464
Construction in progress	12,500		12,500	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	426,964	-	17,500	409,464
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	600,203	90,900		691,103
Other improvements	2,903,408	419,282		3,322,690
Equipment	1,047,652	94,414		1,142,066
Vehicles and motorized equipment	2,348,094	108,693		2,456,787
Computer equipment	30,902			30,902
Infrastructure				
Total capital assets being depreciated	6,930,259	713,289	-	7,643,548
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building	146,706	10,656		157,362
Other improvements	1,301,063	150,047		1,451,110
Equipment	710,664	74,068		784,732
Vehicles and motorized equipment	1,883,540	146,049		2,029,589
Computer equipment	30,902			30,902
Infrastructure				
Total accumulated depreciation	4,072,875	380,820	-	4,453,695
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	2,857,384			3,189,853
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ 3,284,348			\$ 3,599,317

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

General government	\$ 19,769
Public safety	152,072
Transportation	177,216
Cultural and recreational	31,763
Total depreciation expense	\$ 380,820

Business-type activities:	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Water and Sewer Fund				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 140,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,780
Construction in progress				-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	140,780	-	-	140,780
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	13,074			13,074
Plant and distribution systems	15,802,200	189,737		15,991,937
Furniture and maintenance equipment	853,684	55,461		909,145
Vehicles	168,123			168,123
Total capital assets being depreciated	16,837,081	245,198	-	17,082,279

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EXHIBIT 9

Less accumulated depreciation for:

Land Improvements	13,074			13,074
Plant and distribution systems	6,517,107	303,638		6,820,745
Furniture and maintenance equipment	600,044	33,643		633,687
Vehicles	135,729	14,284		150,013
Total accumulated depreciation	7,265,954	351,565	-	7,617,519
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	9,571,127			9,464,760

Business-type activities capital assets, net

	\$ 9,711,907			\$ 9,605,540
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Construction Commitments

The government has no active construction projects as of June 30, 2022.

Discretely presented component unit

Activity for the ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 95,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,614
Construction in progress				-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	95,614	-	-	95,614
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	451,984			451,984
Building & Improvements	221,809	24,105		245,914
Machinery & Equipment	130,284			130,284
Furniture and Fixtures	14,746			14,746
Total capital assets being depreciated	818,823	24,105	-	842,928
Less accumulated depreciation for :				
Building	79,640	9,248		88,888
Building & Improvements	125,458	11,404		136,862
Machinery & Equipment	114,706	5,531		120,237
Furniture & Fixtures	9,391	1,881		11,272
Total accumulated depreciation	329,195	28,064	-	357,259
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	489,628			485,669
ABC Capital assets, net	\$ 585,242			\$ 581,283

5. Right to Use Leased Asset

The Town has recorded one right to use leased asset. The asset is a right to use asset for leased equipment. The lease is discussed in the Leased subsection of the Liabilities section of this note. The right to use lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related lease.

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Right to use assets				
Leased Equipment	\$ -	\$ 19,128		\$ 19,128
Total right to use assets	-	19,128	-	19,128

Less accumulated amortization for:

Leased equipment	-	4,250	-	4,250
Total accumulated amortization	-	4,250	-	4,250
Right to use assets, net	-	\$ 14,878	-	\$ 14,878

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan Obligations and Postemployment Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Town of West Jefferson is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members - nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Services Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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

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

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Town of West Jefferson employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Town of West Jefferson's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2022, was 12.04% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 11.35% for general employees and firefighters, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of West Jefferson were \$107,274 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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

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

At June 30, 2022, the Town reported a liability of \$222,525 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2020. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2021 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the Town's proportion was 0.01451% which was an increase of 0.00038% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Town recognized pension expense of \$88,011. At June 30, 2022, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 70,793	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	139,802	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		317,921
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions		12,656
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	107,274	
Total	\$ 317,869	\$ 330,577

The \$107,274 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease in the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2023	13,799
2024	(10,415)
2025	(26,081)
2026	(97,286)
2027	
Thereafter	
	\$ (119,983)

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 8.25 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.5 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

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

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2020 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.05%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate . The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 6.5 percent, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.50 percent) or one percentage point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 863,823	\$ 222,525	\$ (305,226)

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

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description

The Town of West Jefferson administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to 0.85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2020, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	1
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active plan members	9
Total	10

A separate report was not issued for the plan, because the Town is not currently funding the plan.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2020 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	2.50 percent

The Discount rate used to measure the TPL is the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

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Mortality rates use Pub-2010 amount-weighted tables and are projected from 2010 using generational improvements with Scale MP-2019.

Contributions

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The Town's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no Contributions made by employees. The Town paid 3,520, as benefits came due for the reporting period.

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

At June 30, 2022 the Town reported a total liability of \$156,174. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2021 based on a December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2021 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Town recognized pension expense of \$30,077.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 25,702	\$ 4,700
Changes of assumptions	27,362	7,371
Benefits payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	1,760	
Total	\$ 54,824	\$ 12,071

The amount of \$1,760 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Amount to be Recognized in Pension Expense
Year ended June 30:			
2023	\$ 12,525	\$ 3,008	\$ 9,517
2024	11,708	2,402	9,306
2025	11,708	2,403	9,305
2026	11,708	1,527	10,181
2027	5,415	1,439	3,976
Thereafter	-	1,292	(1,292)
Total	\$ 53,064	\$ 12,071	\$ 40,993

Sensitivity of the Town's total pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Town's total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 2.25 percent, as well as what the Town's total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (1.25%)	Discount Rate (2.25%)	1% Increase (3.25%)
Total pension liability	\$ 178,052	\$ 156,174	\$ 136,792

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

	2022
Beginning balance	\$ 148,704
Service cost	17,852
Interest on the total pension liability	2,836
Changes of benefit terms	
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of total pension liability	(2,978)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(6,720)
Benefit payments	(3,520)
Other changes	
Ending balance of total pension liability	\$ 156,174

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S population. The health mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements. The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an experience study completed by the Actuary for the Local Government Employees' Retirement System for the five year period ending December 31, 2019.

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

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

	LGERS	LEOSSA	TOTAL
Pension Expense	\$ 88,011	\$ 30,077	\$ 118,088
Pension Liability	222,525	156,174	378,699
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.01451%	N/A	
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 70,793	\$ 25,702	\$ 96,495
Changes of assumptions	139,802	27,362	167,164
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	-	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-	-
Benefit payments and administrative costs paid subsequent to the measurement date	107,274	1,760	109,034
Total Deferred Outflows of Revenues	\$ 317,869	\$ 54,824	\$ 372,693
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700
Changes of assumptions	-	7,371	7,371
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	317,921	-	317,921
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	12,656	-	12,656
Total Deferred Inflows of Revenues	\$ 330,577	\$ 12,071	\$ 342,648

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description. The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan, a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina

General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy. Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for law enforcement officers the year ended June 30, 2022 were \$36,253, which consisted of \$18,961 from the Town and \$17,293 from the law enforcement officers. The Town has also elected to include general employees in the plan as well. Contributions for general employees for the year ended June 30, 2022 were \$33,612, which consisted of \$27,122 from the Town and \$6,490 from general employees.

d. Firefighter's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund

Plan Description. The State of North Carolina contributes, on behalf of the Town of West Jefferson, to the Firefighter's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation administered by the State of North Carolina. The Fund provides pension benefits for eligible fire and rescue squad workers that have elected to become members of the fund. Article 86 of G.S. Chapter 58 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Firefighter's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute \$10 per month to the Fund. The Town pays the required contribution for the West Jefferson Fire Department, which totaled \$1,380 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The State, a nonemployee contributor, funds the plan through appropriations. Contribution requirements of plan by the North Carolina General Assembly.

e. Other Postemployment Benefits

Health Care Benefits

The Town of West Jefferson's health insurance plan only allows for state continuation coverage of up to 18 months after retirement. The Town does not pay for those benefits. Therefore, the Town has no Other Post-employment Benefits.

f. Other Employment Benefits

The Town has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the system, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. All death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the postemployment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. The Town considers the contribution to be immaterial.

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2. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

	Statement of Net Position
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year (LGERS)	\$ 107,274
Benefit payments made and administrative expenses for LEOSSA made subsequent to the measurement date	1,760
Differences between expected and actual experience (LGERS)	70,793
Differences between expected and actual experience (LEOSSA)	25,702
Changes of assumptions (LGERS)	139,802
Changes of assumptions (LEOSSA)	27,362
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments (LGERS)	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions (LGERS)	-
Total	\$ 372,693

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

	Statement of Net Position	Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$ 4,630	\$ 4,630
Taxes receivable, less penalties (General Fund & Park)		25,582
Prepaid Licenses (General Fund)	480	480
Lease Receivable (General Fund)	10,835	10,835
Changes in assumptions (LEOSSA)	7,371	
Differences between expected and actual experience (LGERS)		
Differences between expected and actual experience (LEOSSA)	4,700	
Difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments (LGERS)	317,921	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions (LGERS)	12,656	
Total	\$ 358,593	\$ 41,527

3. Commitments

The Town has a commitment to pay economic incentives to the Ashe County Job Development for GE Aviation, as long as the Company meets its obligations under its agreement amended in August 2020:

FY 2022/23	90,635
FY 2023/24	75,000
Total	\$ 165,635

4. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town carries commercial coverage for all risks of loss as follows:

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Insurance Coverage

Agent: Miller's Insurance Agency
Provider: Employers Mutual Casualty Company

<u>Type</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limit of Insurance</u>
Fire on Building	Blanket Building and Personal Property	\$ 13,224,793
Liability	General Aggregate (other than Property)	2,000,000
	Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Equipment Floater	Contractor's Equipment	367,700
Automobile	Liability	1,000,000
Worker's Compensation	Policy applies to the Worker's Comp Laws of NC	500,000

Agent: Miller's Insurance Agency
Provider: RLI Insurance Company

Professional Liability:		
Errors/Omissions	Per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
	Annual Aggregate	2,000,000

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town has no flood insurance. Flood insurance has not been required by lenders thus far. The Town's Finance Officer is bonded for \$50,000, the Town Manager for \$10,000, and the Tax Collector \$10,000.

5. Long Term Debt Obligations

a. Leases

The Town has entered into an agreement to lease certain equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as an other than short-term lease under GASB 87 and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception.

The agreement was executed on September 29, 2020, to lease a copy machine and requires 63 monthly payments of \$518, of which \$101 is for usage and maintenance. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at a discount rate of 5.8% which is the internal rate of return for the lease. As a result of the lease, the Town has recorded a right to use asset with a net book value of \$14,878 at June 30, 2022. The right to use asset is discussed in more detail in the Intangible Asset section A.5. of this note.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payment as of June 30, 2022 were as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ 4,236	\$ 768	\$ 5,004
2024	4,489	515	5,004
2025	4,757	247	5,004
2026	1,648	20	1,668
	<u>\$ 15,130</u>	<u>\$ 1,550</u>	<u>\$ 16,680</u>

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b. Installment Purchases

	<u>Balance Due</u>
<i>Serviced by the General Fund</i>	
\$163,770 New Street Sweeper for the Street Department issued April 9, 2018, due in annual installments of \$36,015 including interest through April 19, 2022, interest at 3.25% payable to Estate of Herbert Francis. The note is secured by a lien on the equipment. In the event of default, the remaining principal balance and any interest accrued become due and payable within 15 days.	\$ 34,882
\$55,892 New Dump Truck for the Street Department issued November 8, 2017, due in annual installments of \$12,030 including interest through November 1, 2023, interest at 2.5% payable to Estate of Herbert Francis. The note is secured by a lien on the vehicle. In the event of default, the remaining principal balance and interest accrued become due and payable within 15 days.	11,737
	\$ 46,619

Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund

Water and Sewer Fund installment purchases were paid off as of June 30, 2022.

The future minimum payments on installment purchases as of June 30, 2022 including interest of \$1,427 on debt presented for governmental activities and \$0 on water and sewer debt,

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2023	\$ 46,619	\$ 1,427	\$ -	\$ -
2024				
2025				
2026				
2027				
Total	\$ 46,619	\$ 1,427	\$ -	\$ -

b. Revenue Bonds

\$380,000 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A, issued for water and sewer improvements, July 17, 2019. Principal and interest installments are due annually on June 1, at an annual interest rate of 1.75%. \$ 359,000

\$309,000 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2019B, issued for water and sewer improvements, July 17, 2019. Principal and interest installments are due annually on June 1, at an annual interest rate of 2.125%. 292,000
\$ 651,000

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The future payments of revenue bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Series 2019A		Series 2019B	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,283	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,205
2024	7,000	6,160	5,000	6,099
2025	7,000	6,037	6,000	5,993
2026	7,000	5,915	6,000	5,865
2027	7,000	5,792	6,000	5,737
2028-2032	40,000	26,950	30,000	26,775
2033-2037	43,000	23,397	35,000	23,375
2038-2042	47,000	19,495	38,000	19,592
2043-2047	51,000	15,225	42,000	15,385
2048-2052	56,000	10,587	47,000	10,710
2053-2057	61,000	5,512	52,000	5,503
2058-2062	26,000	683	20,000	616
Total	<u>\$ 359,000</u>	<u>\$ 132,036</u>	<u>\$ 292,000</u>	<u>\$ 131,855</u>

The Town is in compliance with the covenants as to rates and charges in Section 5.01 of the Bond Order, authorizing the issuance of the Water And Sewer Revenue Bonds. Section 5.01 of the Bond Order requires the debt service coverage ratio to be no less than 110%. The debt service coverage ratio calculation for the year ended June 30, 2022 is as follows:

Operating revenues	\$ 1,097,907
Operating expenses*	(760,111)
Net operating revenues available for debt service	<u>\$ 337,796</u>
Debt service, principal and interest paid	<u>\$ 138,737</u>
Debt service coverage ratio	243%

*Per rate covenants, this does not include the depreciation expense of \$351,565

The Town pledged future water and sewer customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$689,000 in water and sewer system revenue bonds issued in July 2019. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the various improvements to the Town's water and sewer system, including a sludge dewatering facility, a water supply well with water lines, and water and sewer lines for Mount Jefferson Road/Wade Vannoy Drive. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues and are payable through 2059. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require approximately 13 % of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$914,892. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were \$24,716 and \$337,796 respectively.

c. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Balance July 1, 2021	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2022	Current Portion of Balance
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement					
installment purchases	\$ 100,464	\$ -	\$ 53,845	\$ 46,619	\$ 46,619
Lease liabilities	-	19,128	3,998	15,130	4,236
Compensated absences	58,600	41,493	25,664	74,429	74,429
Net pension liability (LGRS)	405,606	-	226,297	179,309	
Net pension liability (LEO)	148,704	7,470	-	156,174	
Gov activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 713,374</u>	<u>\$ 68,091</u>	<u>\$ 309,804</u>	<u>\$ 471,661</u>	<u>\$ 125,284</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT 9

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2021</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Current Portion</u> <u>of Balance</u>
Business-type activities:					
Direct placement					
installment purchases	\$ 110,840	\$ -	\$ 110,840	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Bonds	663,000		12,000	651,000	12,000
Compensated absences	15,822	7,797	3,541	20,078	20,078
Net pension liability (LGRS)	99,319	-	56,103	43,216	
Bus-type activities long-term liab.	<u>\$ 888,981</u>	<u>\$ 7,797</u>	<u>\$ 182,484</u>	<u>\$ 714,294</u>	<u>\$ 32,078</u>

Compensated absences typically have been liquidated in the General Fund.

C. Transfers and Interfund Balances

Transfers to/from Other Funds

Transfer from ARPA Fund to Water and Sewer Fund for revenue replacement, used for sewer payroll expenses	<u>\$ 209,544</u>
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D. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 2,621,691
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	272,458
Public Safety - Police	6,006
Streets - Powell Bill	46,982
Public Safety - Fire Department	635,941
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2022/2023 budget	125,000
Remaining Fund Balance	1,535,304

IV. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

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

V. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date these financial statements were available to be issued - November 17, 2022.

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
West Jefferson's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.01451%	0.01413%	0.01371%	0.01281%	0.01388%	0.01395%	0.01451%	0.01451%	0.01450%
West Jefferson's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 222,525	\$ 504,925	\$ 374,409	\$ 303,897	\$ 212,048	\$ 296,066	\$ 65,120	\$ (85,572)	\$ 174,781
West Jefferson's covered-employee payroll	\$ 876,507	\$ 825,496	\$ 758,362	\$ 757,634	\$ 752,691	\$ 703,666	\$ 717,027	\$ 720,204	\$ 744,664
West Jefferson's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	25.39%	61.16%	49.37%	40.11%	28.17%	42.07%	9.25%	(11.88%)	23.47%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	95.51%	88.61%	90.86%	91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	102.64%	94.35%

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

** This will be the same percentage for all participant employers in the LGERS plan.

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 107,273	\$ 91,405	\$ 76,283	\$ 60,749	\$ 58,896	\$ 56,666	\$ 48,148	\$ 52,006	\$ 51,449
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	107,273	91,405	76,283	60,749	58,896	56,666	48,148	52,006	51,449
	<u>\$ -</u>								
West Jefferson's covered-employee payroll	\$ 922,090	\$ 876,507	\$ 825,496	\$ 758,362	\$ 757,634	\$ 752,691	\$ 703,666	\$ 717,027	\$ 720,204
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	11.63%	10.43%	9.24%	8.01%	7.77%	7.53%	6.84%	7.25%	7.14%

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 148,704	\$ 66,622	\$ 58,134	\$ 55,099	\$ 46,217	\$ 41,945
Changes for the Year:						
Service Cost	17,852	10,653	7,298	7,420	6,084	6,370
Interest On The Total Pension Liability	2,836	2,115	2,057	1,741	1,763	1,465
Changes of Benefit Terms						
Differences Between Expected And Actual Experience						
In The Measurement Of The Total Pension Liability	(2,978)	37,202	(920)	(2,572)	(3,406)	
Changes Of Assumptions Or Other Inputs	(6,720)	35,632	3,280	(3,554)	5,502	(1,744)
Benefit Payments	(3,520)	(3,520)	(3,227)		(1,061)	(1,819)
Other Changes						
Net Changes	<u>\$ 7,470</u>	<u>\$ 82,082</u>	<u>\$ 8,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,035</u>	<u>\$ 8,882</u>	<u>\$ 4,272</u>
Ending Balance Of The Total Pension Liability	<u><u>\$ 156,174</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 148,704</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 66,622</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,134</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 55,099</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,217</u></u>

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 156,174	\$ 148,704	\$ 66,622	\$ 58,134	\$ 55,099	\$ 46,217
Covered Payroll	\$ 371,870	\$ 315,368	\$ 280,048	\$ 279,403	\$ 285,380	\$ 289,752
Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	42.00%	47.15%	23.79%	20.81%	19.31%	15.95%

Notes to the schedules:

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

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Final</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues			
Ad Valorem Taxes:			
Current Year	\$ -	\$ 1,338,410	\$ -
Prior Years Refunds		(425,511)	
Prior Years Collections		32,698	
Penalties and Interest		8,220	
Total	<u>\$ 923,500</u>	<u>\$ 953,817</u>	<u>\$ 30,317</u>
Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ 578,931	\$ -
Telecommunications Tax		9,360	
Utilities Franchise Tax		194,954	
Piped Natural Gas Tax		5,137	
Video Franchise Tax		645	
Beer and Wine Tax		5,298	
ABC Profit Distribution		180,000	
Total	<u>\$ 905,000</u>	<u>\$ 974,325</u>	<u>\$ 69,325</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Federal & State Grants	\$ -	\$ 20,133	\$ -
Fire Tax Collections & Budget Appropriation		222,718	
Firefighter's Relief Fund & State Grants		36,968	
Police Funds		-	
ABC Revenues for Law Enforcement		10,454	
Powell Bill Allocation		48,796	
Solid Waste Disposal Tax		1,019	
Total	<u>\$ 312,800</u>	<u>\$ 340,088</u>	<u>\$ 27,288</u>
Permits and Fees:			
Officer Fees	\$ -	\$ 930	\$ -
Garbage Fees		18,143	
Planning Fees		7,115	
Beer & Wine License		510	
Total	<u>\$ 24,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,698</u>	<u>\$ 2,698</u>
Investment Earnings:			
Investment Earnings	\$ -	\$ 13,488	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 21,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,488</u>	<u>\$ (7,512)</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Final</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Miscellaneous:			
Lease Revenue	\$ -	\$ 2,709	\$ -
Lease Interest Revenue		338	
Contributions to Fire Department	-	2,830	-
Contributions to Police Department		19,280	
Sales of Fixed Assets		10,000	
Other		25,400	
Total	<u>\$ 56,500</u>	<u>\$ 60,557</u>	<u>\$ 4,057</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,242,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,973</u>	<u>\$ 126,173</u>
Expenditures			
General Government			
Administration			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 318,634	\$ -
Operating Expenses		170,323	
Donation to Blue Ridge Conservancy		100,000	
Capital Outlay		6,700	
Total General Government	<u>\$ 648,500</u>	<u>\$ 595,657</u>	<u>\$ 52,843</u>
Public Safety			
Police			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 531,837	\$ -
Operating Expenses		139,015	
Capital Outlay		92,315	
Total		<u>763,167</u>	
Fire			
Salaries/Employee Benefits		5,901	
Operating Expenses		105,192	
Capital Outlay		138,540	
Total		<u>249,633</u>	
Total Public Safety	<u>\$ 1,048,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,012,800</u>	<u>\$ 35,700</u>
Transportation			
Street Department			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 172,378	\$ -
Operating Expenses		290,736	
Capital Outlay		389,527	
Total		<u>852,641</u>	
Powell Bill			
Operating Expenses		46,290	
Capital Outlay		-	
Total		<u>46,290</u>	
Total Transportation	<u>\$ 954,800</u>	<u>\$ 898,931</u>	<u>\$ 55,869</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Economic Development			
Contributions to ACJD		\$ 135,627	
Co-Operative Agreement		16,667	
Total Economic Development	<u>\$ 166,700</u>	<u>\$ 152,294</u>	<u>\$ 14,406</u>
Environmental Protection			
Sanitation			
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 104,855	\$ -
Recycling		6,000	
Total Environmental Protection	<u>\$ 111,000</u>	<u>\$ 110,855</u>	<u>\$ 145</u>
Culture and Recreation			
Donation to WJ Lions Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other		1,200	
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>\$ 1,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,200</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	\$ -	\$ 53,845	\$ -
Lease Principal		3,997	
Interest Expense		3,027	
Lease Interest		1,006	
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 62,500</u>	<u>\$ 61,875</u>	<u>\$ 625</u>
Contingency Fund	<u>10,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,003,300</u>	<u>\$ 2,833,612</u>	<u>\$ 169,688</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (760,500)</u>	<u>\$ (464,639)</u>	<u>\$ 295,861</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Loan Proceeds	\$ -		\$ -
Appropriated Fund Balance	760,500	-	(760,500)
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 760,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (760,500)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (464,639)</u>	<u>\$ (464,639)</u>
Fund Balance			
Beginning of Year, July 1		<u>3,086,330</u>	
End of Year, June 30		<u>\$ 2,621,691</u>	

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL- (NON-GAAP)
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>ACTUAL Current Year</u>	<u>Total To Date</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>					
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues					
American Rescue Plan Act Grant	\$ 419,087	\$ -	\$ 209,544	\$ 209,544	\$ (209,543)
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 419,087</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 209,544</u>	<u>\$ 209,544</u>	<u>\$ (209,543)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 419,087	\$ -	\$ 209,544	\$ 209,544	\$ (209,543)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>					
Transfers to Water And Sewer Fund	(364,087)	-	(209,544)	(209,544)	154,543
Transfers to General Fund	(50,000)	-	-	-	50,000
Transfers to Park Fund	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
NON - MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Non - Major Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>Park Fund</u>	<u>Cemetery Fund</u>		
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 57,601	\$ 38,845	\$ 43,484	\$ 139,930
Receivables (Net):				
Taxes	1,841			1,841
Due from Other Governmental Units	468			468
Total Assets	<u>\$ 59,910</u>	<u>\$ 38,845</u>	<u>\$ 43,484</u>	<u>\$ 142,239</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,249	\$ -		\$ 1,249
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,249</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,249</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Taxes Receivable	\$ 1,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,841
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,841</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,841</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted:				
Restricted by State Statute	\$ 468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 468
Committed:				
For Park Maintenance	51,352			51,352
Assigned:				
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	5,000			5,000
For Cemetery Maintenance		38,845		38,845
Capital Projects			43,484	43,484
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 56,820</u>	<u>\$ 38,845</u>	<u>\$ 43,484</u>	<u>\$ 139,149</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 59,910</u>	<u>\$ 38,845</u>	<u>\$ 43,484</u>	<u>\$ 142,239</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON - MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Park</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Non - Major</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gov't Funds</u>
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes				
Current Year	\$ 105,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,170
Prior Years	2,417			2,417
Total	<u>\$ 107,587</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 107,587</u>
Investment Earnings	\$ 542	\$ 123	\$ -	\$ 665
Contribution				-
Miscellaneous	1,080			1,080
Sale of Plots		4,500		4,500
Total	<u>\$ 1,622</u>	<u>\$ 4,623</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,245</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 109,209</u>	<u>\$ 4,623</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 113,832</u>
Expenditures:				
Cultural and Recreational				
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ 36,728	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,728
Operating Expenses	59,928			59,928
Capital Outlay	75,707			75,707
Total Cultural and Recreational	<u>\$ 172,363</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 172,363</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 172,363</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 172,363</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (63,154)	\$ 4,623	\$ -	\$ (58,531)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (63,154)	\$ 4,623	\$ -	\$ (58,531)
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of Year, July 1	<u>119,975</u>	<u>34,222</u>	<u>43,484</u>	<u>197,681</u>
End of Year, June 30	<u>\$ 56,821</u>	<u>\$ 38,845</u>	<u>\$ 43,484</u>	<u>\$ 139,150</u>

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SPECIAL REVENUE - PARK FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Ad Valorem Taxes			
Current Year	\$ 100,000	\$ 105,170	\$ 5,170
Prior Years	-	2,417	2,417
Total	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 107,587</u>	<u>\$ 7,587</u>
Investment Earnings		\$ 542	\$ 542
Sale of Fixed Assets			-
Miscellaneous		1,080	1,080
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,622</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 109,209</u>	<u>\$ 9,209</u>
Expenditures:			
Cultural and Recreational			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 36,728	\$ -
Operating Expenses		59,928	
Capital Outlay		75,707	
Total Expenditures	<u>183,000</u>	<u>172,363</u>	<u>\$ 10,637</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (83,000)	\$ (63,154)	\$ 19,846
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Appropriated Fund Balance	83,000		(83,000)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ (63,154)	<u>\$ (63,154)</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of Year, July 1		119,975	
End of Year, June 30		<u>\$ 56,821</u>	

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
WATER AND SEWER FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL- (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2022

Revenues	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Operating Revenues			
Charges for Services			
Water Charges	\$ 513,000	\$ 565,844	\$ 52,844
Sewer Charges	455,000	518,848	63,848
Water and Sewer Taps	9,500	12,725	3,225
Total Charges for Services	\$ 977,500	\$ 1,097,417	\$ 119,917
Other Operating Revenues	-	490	490
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 977,500	\$ 1,097,907	\$ 120,407
Nonoperating Revenues			
Interest Earned on Investments	3,500	4,994	1,494
Total Nonoperating Revenues	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,994	\$ 1,494
Total Revenues	\$ 981,000	\$ 1,102,901	\$ 121,901
Expenditures			
Water Department			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 129,796	\$ -
Repair & Maintenance		159,594	
Other Departmental Expenses		82,270	
Capital Outlay		13,036	
Total Water Department	\$ 482,000	\$ 384,696	\$ 97,304
Sewer Department			
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 121,750	\$ -
Repair & Maintenance		91,135	
Other Departmental Expenses		174,686	
Capital Outlay		232,161	
Total Sewer Department	\$ 765,050	\$ 619,732	\$ 145,318

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
WATER AND SEWER FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL- (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Debt Service			
Interest	\$ -	\$ 15,897	\$ -
Debt Principal		122,840	
Total Debt Service	\$ 143,500	\$ 138,737	\$ 4,763
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,390,550	\$ 1,143,165	\$ 247,385
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (409,550)	\$ (40,264)	\$ 369,286
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ (200,000)
Transfer from ARPA Fund	209,550	209,544	(6)
State and Federal Grants			-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 409,550	\$ 209,544	\$ (200,006)
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ -	\$ 169,280	\$ 169,280
Reconciliation from Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual			
Reconciling Items:			
Capital Grants (in Capital Projects Fund)		\$ -	
Capital Outlay (not in Capital Project Fund)		245,197	
Loan Proceeds		-	
Debt Principal		122,840	
Depreciation		(351,565)	
(Increase) Decrease in Accrued Interest		570	
(Increase) Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable		(4,256)	
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Outflows for Pensions		8,844	
(Increase) Decrease in Net Pension Liability		56,103	
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Inflows for Pensions		(61,571)	
Total Reconciling Items		\$ 16,162	
Change in Net Position		\$ 185,442	

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF AD VALOREM TAXES RECEIVABLE
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Uncollected Balance July 1, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections and Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2022</u>
2021 - 22	\$ -	\$ 1,493,655	1,475,251	18,404
2020 - 21	22,433		17,125	5,308
2019 - 20	10,483		8,420	2,063
2018 - 19	4,838		3,792	1,046
2017 - 18	2,550		1,875	675
2016 - 17	2,161		1,486	675
2015 - 16	1,072		397	675
2014 - 15	676		-	676
2013 - 14	1,355		-	1,355
2012 - 13	1,805		-	1,805
2011 - 12	1,854		1,854	-
	<u>\$ 49,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,200</u>	<u>\$ 32,682</u>
				Less Allowance for Uncollectible Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
				<u>\$ (7,100)</u>
				Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable - Net
				<u>\$ 25,582</u>

Reconciliation with Revenues:

Taxes - Ad Valorem - General Fund	\$ 953,817	
Taxes - Ad Valorem - Special Revenue Fund	107,587	
Discounts Allowed	19,432	
Prior year refunds paid out due to corporate taxpayer listing errors	425,511	
Adjustments	10,219	
Interest Received	(8,220)	
Amount Written Off Per Statute of Limitations	1,854	
	<u>\$ 1,510,200</u>	
Total Collections and Credits	<u>\$ 1,510,200</u>	

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TAX LEVY
TOWN WIDE LEVY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Total Property Valuation	Rate	Amount of Levy	Total Levy	
				Property excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxed at current year's rate	\$ 331,335,088	.42	\$ 1,392,460	\$ 1,349,295	\$ 43,165
Property taxed at prior years rate	3,828,259	.42	16,079		16,079
Total original levy	<u>\$ 335,163,347</u>		<u>\$ 1,408,539</u>	<u>\$ 1,349,295</u>	<u>\$ 59,244</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year's taxes	22,856,015	.42	95,995	95,995	
Total	<u>\$ 358,019,362</u>		<u>\$ 1,504,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,290</u>	<u>\$ 59,244</u>
Less Abatements	(2,590,345)		(10,879)	(10,879)	
Total property valuation	<u><u>\$ 355,429,017</u></u>				
Net levy			\$ 1,493,655	\$ 1,434,411	\$ 59,244
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2022			(18,405)	(18,405)	
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 1,475,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,006</u>	<u>\$ 59,244</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>98.77%</u>	<u>98.72%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based On An Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen
Town of West Jefferson, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of West Jefferson, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of West Jefferson's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the West Jefferson ABC Board, as described in our report on the Town of West Jefferson's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the West Jefferson ABC Board and the West Jefferson TDA were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 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 limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.



Priscilla L. Norris, CPA
Jefferson, North Carolina
November 17, 2022

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|
| * Material weakness(es) identified? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |
| * Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weakness? | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> none reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted | _____ yes | _____ <u>X</u> no |

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None reported.

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None reported.

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

<u>Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Assistance</u> <u>Listing #</u>	<u>State</u> <u>Project</u> <u>Numbers</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>State</u> <u>Expenditures</u>
<u>US Department of Treasury</u>				
Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA)	21.027		209,544	
<u>NC Department of Transportation</u>				
Powell Bill		DOT-4		46,290
<u>NC Department of Insurance</u>				
Volunteer Fire Department Grants				36,968
<u>NC Department of Public Safety</u>				
Police Radio Grant		014860		20,133
Total Assistance			<u>\$ 209,544</u>	<u>\$ 103,391</u>

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

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of the Town of West Jefferson under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2022. Because SEFSA presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of West Jefferson, it is not intended to and does not present financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Town of West Jefferson.