

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

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

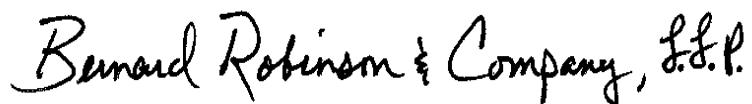
Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina. The combining schedules, budgetary schedules and other schedules, as listed on the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The budgetary schedules and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the combining schedules, budgetary schedules and other schedules, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2024 on our consideration of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and on the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard Robinson & Company, L.P." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 17, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the “Town”), we offer readers of the Town’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town’s financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

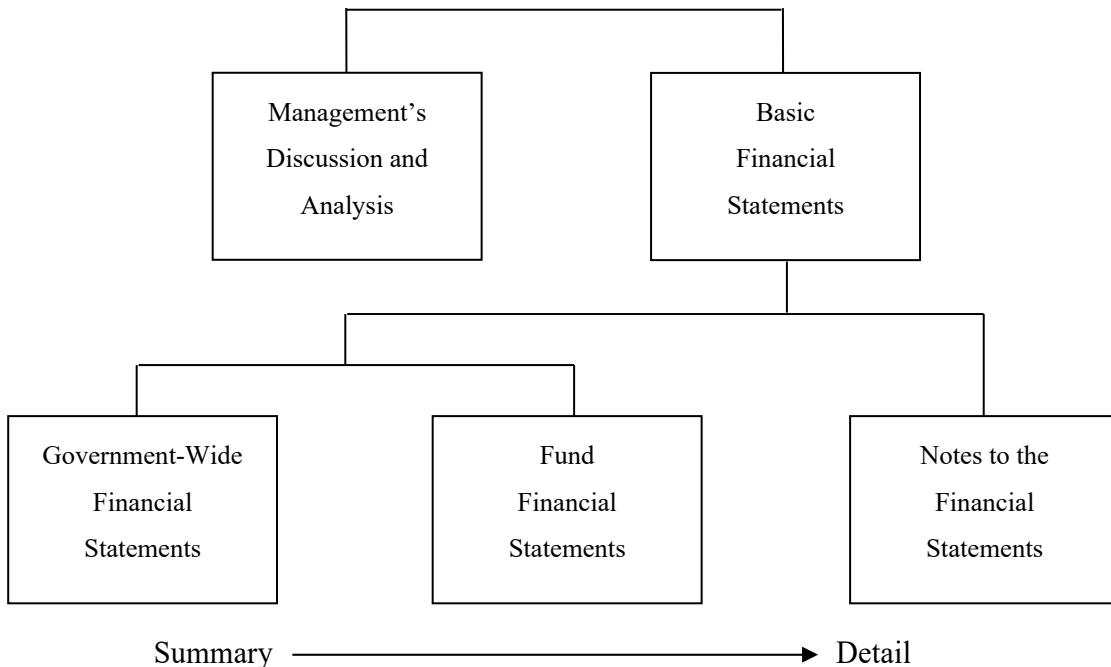
- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by approximately \$67,916,494 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by approximately \$11,399,093.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's total governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$16,000,000 with a net change of approximately \$2,530,000 in fund balance. Approximately 18% of this total amount or approximately \$2,874,000 is restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was approximately \$11,004,472, or 45% of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Management's Discussion and Analysis

Basic Financial Statements

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

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 10) are Fund Financial Statements. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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

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

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

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

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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

	Business-Type					
	Governmental Activities		Activities		Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets:						
Current and other assets	\$ 18,524,410	\$ 17,769,263	\$ 9,810,088	\$ 10,069,983	\$ 28,334,498	\$ 27,839,246
Capital assets	42,796,234	38,874,699	43,211,893	44,083,635	86,008,127	82,958,334
Deferred outflows of resources	4,382,579	4,272,861	1,100,847	1,094,235	5,483,426	5,367,096
Total assets	65,703,223	60,916,823	54,122,828	55,247,853	119,826,051	116,164,676
Liabilities:						
Long-term liabilities	18,729,200	21,372,281	25,438,548	26,940,397	44,167,748	48,312,678
Other liabilities	2,454,432	4,188,670	1,637,229	2,922,901	4,091,661	7,111,571
Deferred inflows of resources	2,932,881	3,400,340	717,267	822,686	3,650,148	4,223,026
Total liabilities	24,116,513	28,961,291	27,793,044	30,685,984	51,909,557	59,647,275
Net Position:						
Net invested in capital assets	37,259,886	30,439,340	21,911,529	21,569,260	59,171,415	52,008,600
Restricted	2,874,155	2,266,974	-	-	2,874,155	2,266,974
Unrestricted	1,452,669	(750,782)	4,418,255	2,992,609	5,870,924	2,241,827
Total net position	\$ 41,586,710	\$ 31,955,532	\$ 26,329,784	\$ 24,561,869	\$ 67,916,494	\$ 56,517,401

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Town of Carolina Beach exceeded liabilities by \$67,916,494 as of June 30, 2024. The Town's net position increased by \$11,399,093 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. A large portion, \$59,171,415, reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The Town of Carolina Beach uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Although the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town of Carolina Beach's net position, \$2,874,155, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$5,870,924 is unrestricted.

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

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 99.58%.
- Continued growth in tax base.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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

	Business-Type					
	Governmental Activities		Activities		Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 14,176,556	\$ 9,446,445	\$ 10,018,137	\$ 9,648,195	\$ 24,194,693	\$ 19,094,640
Operating grants	235,504	211,512	-	-	235,504	211,512
Capital grants	25,000	24,500	829,073	214,770	854,073	239,270
General revenues:						
Property taxes	6,626,257	6,547,958	-	-	6,626,257	6,547,958
Other taxes	5,964,530	5,600,592	-	-	5,964,530	5,600,592
Other revenues	1,243,368	657,991	(162,886)	608,405	1,080,482	1,266,396
Total revenues	<u>28,271,215</u>	<u>22,488,998</u>	<u>10,684,324</u>	<u>10,471,370</u>	<u>38,955,539</u>	<u>32,960,368</u>
Expenses:						
General government	6,071,101	4,573,433	-	-	6,071,101	4,573,433
Public safety	6,881,292	5,888,963	-	-	6,881,292	5,888,963
Transportation	399,667	751,261	-	-	399,667	751,261
Environmental protection	3,986,841	3,728,712	-	-	3,986,841	3,728,712
Fleet	244,508	264,852	-	-	244,508	264,852
Cultural and recreation	1,315,391	1,163,712	-	-	1,315,391	1,163,712
Non departmental	279,451	269,665	-	-	279,451	269,665
Interest on long-term debt	211,785	245,134	-	-	211,785	245,134
Utility operations	-	-	8,166,410	7,813,912	8,166,410	7,813,912
Total expenses	<u>19,390,036</u>	<u>16,885,732</u>	<u>8,166,410</u>	<u>7,813,912</u>	<u>27,556,446</u>	<u>24,699,644</u>
Increase in net position before transfers	8,881,179	5,603,266	2,517,914	2,657,458	11,399,093	8,260,724
Transfers/Special items	<u>749,999</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>(749,999)</u>	<u>(750,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase in net position	9,631,178	6,353,266	1,767,915	1,907,458	11,399,093	8,260,724
Net position, July 1,	<u>31,955,532</u>	<u>25,602,266</u>	<u>24,561,869</u>	<u>22,654,411</u>	<u>56,517,401</u>	<u>48,256,677</u>
Net position, June 30,	<u>\$ 41,586,710</u>	<u>\$ 31,955,532</u>	<u>\$ 26,329,784</u>	<u>\$ 24,561,869</u>	<u>\$ 67,916,494</u>	<u>\$ 56,517,401</u>

Governmental Activities - Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$9,631,178. The key element of this increase was increases in charges for services and property and other taxes.

Business-Type Activities - Business-type activities increased the Town of Carolina Beach's net position by \$1,767,915. The key element of this increase was increases in charges for services.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

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

Governmental Funds - The Town's annual balance budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the Budget and Fiscal Control Act of the North Carolina General Statutes. The General Fund is the most significant fund budgeted. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina. At the end of the current fiscal year, fund balance available in the General Fund was \$11,004,472, while the total fund balance reached \$13,878,627. The Town currently has an available fund balance of 45% of General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 57% of the same amount.

At June 30, 2024, the governmental funds of the Town of Carolina Beach reported a combined fund balance of \$15,936,992 with a net increase of \$2,529,797.

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

Proprietary Funds - The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Utility Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$4,418,255. The total change in net position for the utility fund was an increase of \$1,767,915 in the enterprise funds. Other factors concerning the finances of the fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Town's business-type activities.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024, totals \$86,008,127 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

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

- Parking lot improvements
- Canal Drive Property
- Playground
- Vehicle purchases

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Capital Assets

(net of Depreciation)

Figure 4

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 18,851,617	\$ 17,847,066	\$ 475,957	\$ 475,957	\$ 19,327,574	\$ 18,323,023
Construction in progress	4,362,976	3,442,145	338,731	3,023,722	4,701,707	6,465,867
Buildings/Plant	7,469,909	7,598,230	38,659,986	38,870,046	46,129,895	46,468,276
Infrastructure	9,321,816	8,168,302	-	-	9,321,816	8,168,302
Equipment	957,050	812,545	3,545,624	1,234,393	4,502,674	2,046,938
Vehicles and motorized equipment	1,832,866	1,006,411	191,595	479,517	2,024,461	1,485,928
Total	<u>\$ 42,796,234</u>	<u>\$ 38,874,699</u>	<u>\$ 43,211,893</u>	<u>\$ 44,083,635</u>	<u>\$ 86,008,127</u>	<u>\$ 82,958,334</u>

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

Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Outstanding Debt

Long-Term Debt

Figure 5

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,710,000	\$ 22,160,000	\$ 18,710,000	\$ 22,160,000
Revolving loans	-	-	368,980	738,933	368,980	738,933
Installment debt	5,066,763	7,357,876	933,907	1,652,912	6,000,670	9,010,788
Total	<u>\$ 5,066,763</u>	<u>\$ 7,357,876</u>	<u>\$ 20,012,887</u>	<u>\$ 24,551,845</u>	<u>\$ 25,079,650</u>	<u>\$ 31,909,721</u>

Long-Term Debt - As of June 30, 2024, the Town had total debt outstanding of \$25,079,650.

North Carolina General Statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. At June 30, 2024, the Town of Carolina Beach had a legal debt margin of approximately \$252,411,600.

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

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

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

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Governmental Activities - The Town Council approved \$32.9 million annual budget for fiscal year 2025 and established a tax rate at 23.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Town Council has provided for the following projects for this fiscal year through the Capital Improvement Program and appropriations in the annual budget as follows:

- Paving the Week's Parking lot next to the Town Marina and resurfacing the Alabama East lot
- Phase III of the scheduled road paving project using \$165,000 Powell Bill funds
- \$473,832 from the SCIF grant issued in 2022 plus an additional \$515,003 will be used to install a sidewalk and stormwater on Ocean Blvd.
- The Town budgeted \$60,000 for replacement of the Ocean Hatteras Ramp
- Construction of new bathrooms and picnic shelter at the Lake Park using the remainder of the \$1.1M from the Brady Myers and Land & Water Conservation Grants
- Replace the boardwalk bathrooms with a new facility that increases capacity and meets ADA standards
- Replacement of the Broyhill Pack and Load Can Machine with installment financing

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

- The remaining \$169,006 from the American Rescue Plan will be used for several Stormwater improvement projects.
- Remaining funds from the \$2 million SERDRF Grant for Lake Dredging will be used to construct a new Stormwater Pumphouse and add an additional pump at Lake Park
- Replacement of Lift Station #6 located at Lewis Drive.

Requests for Information

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

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,557,648	\$ 6,724,162	\$ 21,281,810
Taxes receivables, net	158,630	-	158,630
Accounts receivable, net	966,411	970,876	1,937,287
Due from other governments	1,404,432	121,078	1,525,510
Due from other funds	74,195	-	74,195
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	1,363,094	1,993,972	3,357,066
Total current assets	<u>18,524,410</u>	<u>9,810,088</u>	<u>28,334,498</u>
Non Current Assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	23,214,593	814,688	24,029,281
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	19,581,641	42,397,205	61,978,846
Total capital assets	<u>42,796,234</u>	<u>43,211,893</u>	<u>86,008,127</u>
Total assets	<u>61,320,644</u>	<u>53,021,981</u>	<u>114,342,625</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Other post employment benefit deferrals	992,854	263,923	1,256,777
Pension deferrals	3,389,725	836,924	4,226,649
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>4,382,579</u>	<u>1,100,847</u>	<u>5,483,426</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,376,599	551,771	1,928,370
Due to other funds	-	74,195	74,195
Utility deposit	-	93,466	93,466
Liabilities to be paid from restricted assets	1,077,833	917,797	1,995,630
Long-term liabilities due within one year	997,674	1,729,467	2,727,141
Total current liabilities	<u>3,452,106</u>	<u>3,366,696</u>	<u>6,818,802</u>
Long-term liabilities:			
Pension liabilities	6,076,318	1,442,971	7,519,289
Other post employment benefit liability	6,444,242	1,713,027	8,157,269
Due in more than one year	5,210,966	20,553,083	25,764,049
Total liabilities	<u>21,183,632</u>	<u>27,075,777</u>	<u>48,259,409</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Other post employment benefit deferrals	2,672,865	710,508	3,383,373
Pension deferrals	260,016	6,759	266,775
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,932,881</u>	<u>717,267</u>	<u>3,650,148</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	37,259,886	21,911,529	59,171,415
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State Statute	1,679,481	-	1,679,481
Streets - Powell Bill	606	-	606
Storm damage prevention	256,772	-	256,772
Grant funds	937,296	-	937,296
Unrestricted	1,452,669	4,418,255	5,870,924
Total net position	<u>\$ 41,586,710</u>	<u>\$ 26,329,784</u>	<u>\$ 67,916,494</u>

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

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 6,071,101	\$ 7,334,873	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Transportation	399,667	-	235,504	-
Public safety	6,881,292	8,570	-	-
Environmental protection	3,986,841	2,202,203	-	-
Fleet	244,508	-	-	-
Cultural and recreation	1,315,391	4,630,910	-	-
Non-departmental	279,451	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	211,785	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>19,390,036</u>	<u>14,176,556</u>	<u>235,504</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Business-type activities:				
Utility fund	8,166,410	10,018,137	-	829,073
Total business-type activities	<u>8,166,410</u>	<u>10,018,137</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>829,073</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 27,556,446</u>	<u>\$ 24,194,693</u>	<u>\$ 235,504</u>	<u>\$ 854,073</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem taxes				
Local option sales tax				
Other taxes, licenses and fees				
Investment earnings, unrestricted				
Miscellaneous				
Transfers				
Total general revenues, excluding transfers and special items				
Change in net position				
Net position - beginning				
Net position - ending				

Exhibit 2

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Primary Government

Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ 1,288,772	\$ -	\$ 1,288,772
(164,163)	-	(164,163)
(6,872,722)	-	(6,872,722)
(1,784,638)	-	(1,784,638)
(244,508)	-	(244,508)
3,315,519	-	3,315,519
(279,451)	-	(279,451)
(211,785)	-	(211,785)
<u>(4,952,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,952,976)</u>
-	2,680,800	2,680,800
-	2,680,800	2,680,800
<u>(4,952,976)</u>	<u>2,680,800</u>	<u>(2,272,176)</u>
6,626,257	-	6,626,257
1,695,990	-	1,695,990
4,268,540	-	4,268,540
785,998	750,493	1,536,491
457,370	(913,379)	(456,009)
749,999	(749,999)	-
<u>14,584,154</u>	<u>(912,885)</u>	<u>13,671,269</u>
9,631,178	1,767,915	11,399,093
31,955,532	24,561,869	56,517,401
<u>\$ 41,586,710</u>	<u>\$ 26,329,784</u>	<u>\$ 67,916,494</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 3

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,943,081	\$ 1,614,567	\$ 14,557,648
Taxes receivables, net	158,630	-	158,630
Accounts receivable, net	509,336	457,075	966,411
Due from other governments	887,772	516,660	1,404,432
Due from other funds	305,385	-	305,385
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	257,378	1,105,716	1,363,094
Total assets	\$ 15,061,582	\$ 3,694,018	\$ 18,755,600
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,001,313	\$ 326,630	\$ 1,327,943
Due to other funds	-	231,190	231,190
Unearned revenues	-	1,077,833	1,077,833
Total liabilities	1,001,313	1,635,653	2,636,966
Deferred Inflow of Resources			
	181,642	-	181,642
Fund Balances			
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State Statute	1,679,481	-	1,679,481
Streets - Powell Bill	606	-	606
Storm damage prevention	256,772	-	256,772
Grant funds	937,296	-	937,296
Assigned:			
Capital projects	-	2,058,365	2,058,365
Unassigned	11,004,472	-	11,004,472
Total fund balances	13,878,627	2,058,365	\$ 15,936,992
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 15,061,582	\$ 3,694,018	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the
Statement of Net Position
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

Exhibit 4

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

Total fund balance		\$ 15,936,992
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Gross capital assets at historical cost	56,176,212	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>13,849,563</u>	42,326,649
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	733,209	
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>263,624</u>	469,585
Other assets utilized in the following period and therefore not reported in the fund:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to:		
OPEB are not reported in the funds		992,854
Pensions are not reported in the funds		3,389,725
Deferred inflows of resources related to:		
OPEB are not reported in the funds		(2,672,865)
Pensions are not reported in the funds		(260,016)
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources for fund statements		
		181,642
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Installment purchases	(5,532,430)	
Other post-employment benefits	(6,444,242)	
LGERS pension	(5,276,349)	
Law enforcement officers' pension	(799,969)	
Compensated absences	<u>(676,210)</u>	(18,729,200)
Other liabilities payable until the following period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Accrued interest		<u>(48,656)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		
		<u>\$ 41,586,710</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 5

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,688,378	\$ -	\$ 6,688,378
Other taxes and licenses	111,624	-	111,624
Unrestricted intergovernmental	5,852,906	-	5,852,906
Restricted intergovernmental	4,924,818	2,209,744	7,134,562
Permits and fees	469,385	-	469,385
Sales and services	6,833,113	-	6,833,113
Investment earnings	704,248	81,750	785,998
Miscellaneous	457,370	-	457,370
Total revenues	26,041,842	2,291,494	28,333,336

Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	6,015,025	-	6,015,025
Transportation	377,861	-	377,861
Public safety	7,519,201	2,393,035	9,912,236
Environmental protection	4,073,471	-	4,073,471
Fleet	231,167	-	231,167
Cultural and recreation	1,705,321	-	1,705,321
Non-departmental	279,451	-	279,451
Debt service:			
Principal	4,064,390	-	4,064,390
Interest	252,499	-	252,499
Total expenditures	24,518,386	2,393,035	26,911,421
Revenues over (under) expenditures	1,523,456	(101,541)	1,421,915

Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers from other funds	750,000	1,358,593	2,108,593
Transfers to other funds	(1,358,594)	-	(1,358,594)
Lease liabilities issued	357,883	-	357,883
Total other financing sources	(250,711)	1,358,593	1,107,882
Net change in fund balances	1,272,745	1,257,052	2,529,797
Fund balances, beginning	12,605,882	801,313	13,407,195
Fund balances, ending	\$ 13,878,627	\$ 2,058,365	\$ 15,936,992

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

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 6

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,529,797
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. Depreciation expense was offset by capital outlays, loss on disposal and amortization of leased assets in the current period.	3,921,539
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	1,072,546
Benefit payments paid and administrative expense for the law enforcement officers' special separation allowance are not included on the Statement of Activities	25,921
Other post employment benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	136,873
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	
New long-term debt issued	(357,883)
Principal payments on long-term debt	4,083,395
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Compensated absences	(50,048)
Pension expense	(1,744,135)
Other post employment benefit plan expense	91,653
Law enforcement officers expense	(38,068)
Difference in interest expense between fund statements (modified accrual) and government-wide statements (full accrual)	21,709
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(62,121)
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 9,631,178</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Annual Budget and Actual - General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 7

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,625,684	\$ 6,625,684	\$ 6,688,378	\$ 62,694
Other taxes and licenses	76,341	76,341	111,624	35,283
Unrestricted intergovernmental	5,860,871	5,860,871	5,852,906	(7,965)
Restricted intergovernmental	236,012	3,847,681	4,924,818	1,077,137
Permits and fees	484,338	484,338	469,385	(14,953)
Sales and services	6,323,937	6,323,937	6,833,113	509,176
Investment earnings	200,000	200,000	704,248	504,248
Miscellaneous	65,155	105,055	457,370	352,315
Total revenues	<u>19,872,338</u>	<u>23,523,907</u>	<u>26,041,842</u>	<u>2,517,935</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	5,774,523	7,085,528	6,015,025	1,070,503
Transportation	215,500	385,500	377,861	7,639
Public safety	6,679,858	7,687,485	7,519,201	168,284
Fleet maintenance	323,000	313,000	231,167	81,833
Environmental protection	4,413,197	4,423,612	4,073,471	350,141
Cultural and recreation	1,536,082	1,778,419	1,705,321	73,098
Non-departmental	279,946	281,946	279,451	2,495
Debt service:				
Principal	4,083,397	4,083,397	4,064,390	19,007
Interest	(2,795,320)	157,425	252,499	(95,074)
Total expenditures	<u>20,510,183</u>	<u>26,196,312</u>	<u>24,518,386</u>	<u>1,677,926</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(637,845)</u>	<u>(2,672,405)</u>	<u>1,523,456</u>	<u>4,195,861</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers from other funds	750,000	1,596,072	750,924	(845,148)
Transfers to other funds	-	(1,359,518)	(1,359,518)	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	-	357,883	357,883
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>750,000</u>	<u>236,554</u>	<u>(250,711)</u>	<u>(487,265)</u>
Fund balance appropriated	<u>4,038</u>	<u>2,579,785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,579,785)</u>
Net changes in fund balances	<u>\$ 116,193</u>	<u>\$ 143,934</u>	<u>1,272,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,128,811</u>
Fund balances, beginning			12,605,882	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 13,878,627</u>	

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

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2024

Exhibit 8

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 6,724,162
Accounts receivable	970,876
Due from other governments	121,078
Restricted cash	1,993,972
Total current assets	<u>9,810,088</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and other non-depreciable assets	814,688
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	42,397,205
Total capital assets	<u>43,211,893</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>43,211,893</u>
Total assets	<u>53,021,981</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,100,847</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	551,771
Utility deposits	93,466
Due to other funds	74,195
Unearned revenues	917,797
Current portion of long-term liabilities	1,729,467
Total current liabilities	<u>3,366,696</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital lease liabilities	46,808
Non-current portion of long-term liabilities	23,662,273
Total liabilities	<u>27,075,777</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>717,267</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	21,911,529
Unrestricted	4,418,255
Total net position	<u>\$ 26,329,784</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Fund Position
Proprietary Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 9

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 9,695,649
Water and sewer taps	283,690
Other operating revenues	38,798
Total operating revenues	<u>10,018,137</u>
Operating expenses:	
Administration	746,520
Facilities and equipment	99,837
Stormwater	803,281
Water treatment and distribution	1,789,528
Waste collection and treatment	1,064,697
Repairs and maintenance	583,097
Amortization	32,898
Depreciation	<u>1,899,958</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>7,019,816</u>
Operating income	<u>2,998,321</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Intergovernmental grants	829,073
Investment earnings	750,493
Miscellaneous	(249,099)
Impairment to construction in progress	(913,379)
Interest and other charges	<u>(897,495)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>(480,407)</u>
Net income before transfers	2,517,914
Transfers from other funds	1,080,867
Transfers to other funds	<u>(1,830,866)</u>
Change in net fund position	1,767,915
Total net position - beginning	<u>24,561,869</u>
Total net position, ending	<u>\$ 26,329,784</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 10

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 9,977,391
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,957,658)
Cash paid to employees for services	<u>(2,708,885)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>4,310,848</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Transfers in (out)	<u>(749,999)</u>
Total cash flows used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(749,999)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(2,029,773)
Intergovernmental grants	-
Principal payment on long-term debt	(1,389,539)
Interest payment on long-term debt	<u>(442,178)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,861,490)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(300,641)
Balances, beginning	9,018,775
Balances, ending	<u>\$ 8,718,134</u>

(Continued)

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
Proprietary Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Exhibit 10

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
Operating income	\$ 2,998,321
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,899,958
Amortization	32,898
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(240,761)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	(20,646)
Due from other governments	(20,100)
Due to other funds	(409,435)
Deferred outflows of resources for pensions	(6,612)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(43,789)
Utilities deposit	(3,375)
Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB	(105,419)
Other postemployment benefits payable	229,808
Total adjustments	1,312,527
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 4,310,848

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Reporting Entity

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

Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Town reports the following non-major governmental funds:

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

The Town reports the following major enterprise fund:

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

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013, and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

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

Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General and the Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. Project ordinances are adopted for various Capital Project Funds and the Enterprise Fund Capital Project Funds, which are consolidated with the operating funds for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than \$2,500. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year, or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

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

Deposits and Investments

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income considers all cash and investments to be cash and cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash

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

Restricted cash at June 30, 2024, consists of the following:

Governmental Activities

General Fund:

Streets - Powell Bill	\$ 606
Unspent grant proceeds	937,296
Unspent ARPA Funds	168,420
Storm damage prevention	256,772
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,363,094</u>

Business-Type Activities

Utility Fund:

Customer deposits	\$ 93,466
Unspent grant proceeds	917,797
Unspent debt proceeds	982,709
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 1,993,972</u>

Total restricted cash

\$ 3,357,066

Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2023. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

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

Capital Assets

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

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

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

Right to Use Assets

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element called deferred outflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense until then. The Town has three items that meets the criterion for this category – pensions and OPEB deferrals for the 2024 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. On the statement of net position, the Town has several items that meets the criterion for this category –pensions and OPEB deferrals, property taxes receivable, and assessments receivable.

Long-Term Obligations

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

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

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

Compensated Absences

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Investment in Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Capital assets	\$ 42,326,649	\$ 43,164,562
Long-term debt	(5,066,763)	(22,235,742)
Unexpended debt proceeds	-	982,709
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 37,259,886	\$ 21,911,529

Net Position

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

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

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

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

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - North Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by the North Carolina State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. Restricted by State statute (RSS) is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in G.S. 159-8(a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State statute". *Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget.* Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net position and Restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 13,878,627
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	1,679,481
Streets- Powell Bill	606
Grant Funds	937,296
Storm Damage Prevention	256,772
Remaining Fund Balance	<u>\$ 11,004,472</u>

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

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 2 – DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

Deposits

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

At June 30, 2024, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$1,488,443 and a bank balance of \$1,457,482. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral under the Pooling Method. As of June 30, 2024, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$600.

Investments

At June 30, 2024, the Town's investment balances were as follows:

Investment Type	Valuation	Measurement Method	Book Value	Maturity
NC Capital Management Trust:				
Cash Portfolio	Fair Value: Level 1		\$ 22,060,598	N/A
Term Portfolio	Fair Value: Level 1		1,089,235	0.15 years
			<u>\$ 23,149,833</u>	

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

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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

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

Credit risk: The Town has no formal policy regarding credit risk, but has an internal management procedures that limits the Town's investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to either the NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio, which carries a credit rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor's as of June 30, 2024, or the NC Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio, which is unrated. The Term Portfolio is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. government and agencies, and in high grade money market instruments as permitted under G.S. 159-30 as amended.

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

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

Receivables

Governmental activities receivables for the General Fund consist of \$158,630 for outstanding taxes; \$485,859 for customer accounts; \$23,477 for outstanding assessments; and \$887,772 due from other governments. For other governmental funds receivables consist of \$457,075 for accounts; and \$516,660 due from other governments.

Business-Type activities receivables for the Utility Fund consist of \$965,659 for customer accounts, \$5,217 for outstanding assessments and \$121,078 due from other governments.

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

Due from other governments consisted of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Local option sales tax	\$ 48,446	\$ 38,940
Grant reimbursements	1,242,703	-
Sales tax reimbursement	113,283	82,138
Total	\$ 1,404,432	\$ 121,078

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 17,847,066	\$ 1,004,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,851,617
Construction in progress	<u>3,442,145</u>	<u>2,337,720</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>(1,386,789)</u>	<u>4,362,976</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>21,289,211</u>	<u>3,342,271</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>(1,386,789)</u>	<u>23,214,593</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	12,637,792	59,665	103,096	-	12,594,361
Infrastructure	12,820,303	474,184	734,222	1,386,789	13,947,054
Equipment	2,063,934	245,360	399,652	-	1,909,642
Vehicles and motorized equipment	<u>4,206,921</u>	<u>916,969</u>	<u>613,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,510,562</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>31,728,950</u>	<u>1,696,178</u>	<u>1,850,298</u>	<u>1,386,789</u>	<u>32,961,619</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	5,039,562	181,057	96,167	-	5,124,452
Infrastructure	4,652,001	661,882	688,645	-	4,625,238
Equipment	1,251,389	100,855	399,652	-	952,592
Vehicles and motorized equipment	<u>3,457,907</u>	<u>289,500</u>	<u>600,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,147,281</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>14,400,859</u>	<u>1,233,294</u>	<u>1,784,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,849,563</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>17,328,091</u>				<u>19,112,056</u>
Government activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 38,617,302</u>				<u>\$ 42,326,649</u>

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

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 332,434
Transportation	20,883
Public safety	547,822
Environmental protection	225,130
Fleet	12,776
Cultural and recreation	94,249
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,233,294</u>

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Transfer	Ending Balances
Utility Fund:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 475,957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475,957
Construction in progress	3,023,722	1,089,387	913,380	(2,860,998)	338,731
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>3,499,679</u>	<u>1,089,387</u>	<u>913,380</u>	<u>(2,860,998)</u>	<u>814,688</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Plant and distribution systems	60,151,783	741,732	201,751	-	60,691,764
Furniture and maintenance equipment	3,461,098	90,153	8,207	2,860,999	6,404,043
Vehicles	2,200,339	5,356	46,641	-	2,159,054
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>65,813,220</u>	<u>837,241</u>	<u>256,599</u>	<u>2,860,999</u>	<u>69,254,861</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Plant and distribution systems	21,281,737	943,456	193,415	-	22,031,778
Furniture and maintenance equipment	2,226,705	631,714	-	-	2,858,419
Vehicles	1,742,355	327,281	54,846	-	2,014,790
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>25,250,797</u>	<u>1,902,451</u>	<u>248,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,904,987</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>40,562,423</u>				<u>42,349,874</u>
Utility fund capital assets, net	<u>\$ 44,062,102</u>				<u>\$ 43,164,562</u>

Construction commitments

The Town has active construction projects as of June 30, 2024, in which the Town's commitments with contractors consist of the following: Ocean Sidewalk Project for \$908,255 related to the SCIF Grant received from the State of North Carolina in February 2022.

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Right to Use Leased Assets

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

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government – Governmental Activities for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Right to use assets				
Leased vehicles	\$ 384,967	\$ 348,242	\$ -	\$ 733,209
Total right to use assets	<u>384,967</u>	<u>348,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733,209</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased vehicles	127,570	136,054	-	263,624
Total accumulated amortization	<u>127,570</u>	<u>136,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,624</u>
Right to use assets, net	\$ 257,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 469,585

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government – Business-Type Activities for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Right to use assets				
Leased vehicles	\$ 55,813	\$ 46,942	\$ -	\$ 102,755
Total right to use assets	<u>55,813</u>	<u>46,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,755</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased vehicles	34,280	21,144	-	55,424
Total accumulated amortization	<u>34,280</u>	<u>21,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,424</u>
Right to use assets, net	\$ 21,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,331

B. Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	Vendors	Other	Total
Governmental Activities:			
General Fund	\$ 783,406	\$ 266,563	\$ 1,049,969
Other Governmental Funds	<u>326,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,630</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,110,036</u>	<u>\$ 266,563</u>	<u>\$ 1,376,599</u>
Business-Type Activities:			
Utility Fund	<u>\$ 483,450</u>	<u>\$ 68,321</u>	<u>\$ 551,771</u>

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Long Term Obligations

Leases

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

The lease agreements range in length, but there are no variable components for any of the leases. The monthly payments range from \$432 - \$1,584. The lease liabilities were measured at a discount rate of 1.65%, which is stated in the lease agreements. The Town has recorded right to use assets with a total net book value of \$469,585 at June 30, 2024.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities
2025	\$ 180,543	\$ 19,316
2026	133,200	9,035
2027	109,157	9,035
2028	82,451	9,035
2028	6,571	1,506
Total minimum lease payments	511,922	47,927
Less amount representing interest	46,254	1,119
Present value of the minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 465,668</u>	<u>\$ 46,808</u>

Installment Purchases

Installment purchase contracts at June 30, 2024 are comprised of the following:

Governmental Activities:

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

\$ 5,066,763

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 833,536	\$ 155,805
2026	658,583	133,015
2027	658,583	113,160
2028	620,783	93,305
2029	535,069	74,738
2030-2034	1,720,959	144,129
2035	39,250	1,992
Total	\$ 5,066,763	\$ 716,144

Business-Type Activities:

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

\$ 933,907

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 117,901	\$ 6,095
2026	117,901	3,936
2027	117,901	2,624
2028	117,901	1,312
2029	77,901	-
2030-2034	384,402	-
Total	\$ 933,907	\$ 13,967

Revenue Bond

Revenue Bond at June 30, 2024 is comprised of the following:

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

\$ 18,710,000

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 829,300
2026	1,200,000	766,300
2027	1,265,000	706,300
2028	1,325,000	643,050
2029	1,390,000	576,800
2030-2034	4,410,000	2,141,150
2035-2039	5,390,000	1,157,800
2040-2041	2,470,000	149,200
Total	\$ 18,710,000	\$ 6,969,900

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

The debt services coverage ratio calculation for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Operating revenues and investment earnings	\$ 10,768,630
Operating expenses, excluding OPEB (net of depreciation)	4,941,334
Net revenue available for debt service	5,827,296
Add 20% surplus account (expendable net position)	883,651
Adjusted net revenues	<u>6,710,947</u>

Senior debt service	2,089,300
Subordinate debt service	269,559
Total Debt Service	<u>2,358,859</u>
Add 20% senior debt service	417,860
Adjusted debt service	<u>\$ 2,776,719</u>

Coverage Test 1	
Adjusted net revenues/adjusted debt service	242%
Coverage Test 2	
Net revenues/total debt service	247%
Coverage Test 3	
Stormwater revenues	\$ 1,862,583
Stormwater expenses, plus 200% of required principal and interest on related debt	1,976,635
Deficit	<u>\$ (114,052)</u>

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

Revolving Loan Payables

On May 1, 2010, the Town was approved for a maximum loan amount of \$1,686,234 for a Federal revolving 50% forgiveness loan for treatment of a beach storm water pond. The loan is repayable at 0% interest for 20 years. The loan repayment schedule is based on the outstanding amount of the loan at year-end. The total amount outstanding at June 30, 2024 was \$245,603.

On May 1, 2010, the Town was approved for a maximum loan amount of \$1,000,000 for a Federal revolving 50% forgiveness loan for Lake Park Boulevard sewer rehabilitation. The loan is repayable at 0% interest for 20 years. The loan repayment schedule is based on the outstanding amount of the loan at year-end. The total amount outstanding at June 30, 2024 was \$123,377.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 61,497	\$ -
2026	61,497	-
2027	61,497	-
2028	61,497	-
2029	61,497	-
2030	61,495	-
Total	\$ 368,980	\$ -

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of long-term debt as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:					
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 9,005,846	\$ -	\$ 3,939,083	\$ 5,066,763	\$ 833,536
Compensated absences	626,161	50,048	-	676,209	-
Capital leases	252,100	357,882	144,314	465,668	164,138
Net pension liability (LGERS)	4,257,241	1,019,108	-	5,276,349	-
Total OPEB liability	6,598,834	-	154,592	6,444,242	-
Net pension obligation (LEO)	632,099	167,870	-	799,969	-
Total governmental activity long-term liabilities	\$ 21,372,281	\$ 1,594,908	\$ 4,237,989	\$ 18,729,200	\$ 997,674
Business-Type Activities:					
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 1,133,774	\$ -	\$ 199,867	\$ 933,907	\$ 117,901
Direct placement revenue bonds	19,910,000	-	1,200,000	18,710,000	1,260,000
Capital leases	21,924	42,957	18,073	46,808	18,815
Deferred amounts:					
Issuance premiums	2,518,032	-	295,177	2,222,855	274,695
Revolving loans	430,477	-	61,497	368,980	61,497
Net pension liability (LGERS)	1,172,069	270,902	-	1,442,971	-
Total OPEB liability	1,754,121	-	41,094	1,713,027	-
Total business-type long-term liabilities	\$ 26,940,397	\$ 313,859	\$ 1,815,708	\$ 25,438,548	\$ 1,732,908

The LGERS pension plan had a net pension plan asset as of June 30, 2024; however, the plan had a net pension liability at the beginning of the fiscal year. Compensated absences, net pension obligation, and other post-employment benefits are typically liquidated in the General Fund. Compensated absences are accounted for on a first-in, first-out basis.

At June 30, 2024, the Town had a legal debt margin of \$252,411,600.

Interfund Activity

Balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2024, consisted of \$305,385 due to the General Fund from various Capital Project Funds (nonmajor funds) in the amount of \$231,190 and the utility fund in the amount of \$74,195, resulting from the time lag for reimbursable expenditures that occur and repayment between funds are made.

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

Transfers to	Transfers from	Amount
General Fund	Utility Fund	\$ 750,000
General Fund	Non Major Governmental Funds	924
Utility Fund	Other Funds	1,080,867
Other Funds	Utility Fund	443,611
Non Major Governmental Funds	General Fund	<u>1,358,593</u>
		<u><u>\$ 3,633,995</u></u>

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

Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

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

Benefits Provided. LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

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The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan. LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50 or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55 or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions - Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024, was 14.10% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 12.85% for general employees and firefighters, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina were \$1,072,547 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a liability of \$6,719,320 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 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, 2023, the Town's proportion was 0.101%, which was an increase of 0.052% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

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For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense of \$1,922,660. At June 30, 2024, 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	\$ 748,731	\$ 16,119
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,798,384	-
Changes of assumptions	285,532	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	66,033	14,008
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,072,546	-
	<u><u>\$ 3,971,226</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,127</u></u>

\$1,072,546 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows: 2025 – \$1,056,531; 2026 – \$523,674; 2027 – \$1,212,303; and 2028 – \$76,045.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0%
Salary increases	3.50 to 8.10 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

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

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The projected long-term investment returns, and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

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

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2022 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50 percent, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.50%) or one percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 11,640,959	\$ 6,719,320	\$ 2,667,367

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

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description - The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2022, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	2
Active plan members	30
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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2022 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	3.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	4.00%

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of December 31, 2022.

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Mortality tables with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale MP-2019.

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Contributions

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a pension liability of \$799,969. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense of \$76,247. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to Separation Allowance from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 100,398	\$ 116,369
Changes of assumptions	129,103	120,278
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expenses made subsequent to the measurement date	25,921	-
	<hr/> <u>\$ 255,422</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 236,647</u>

\$25,921 paid as benefits came due subsequent to the measurement date, are reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows: 2025 – (\$3,712); 2026 – \$4,392; 2027 – (\$8,463); 2028 – (\$22,242); 2029 – \$841 and thereafter – \$22,038.

Sensitivity of the Town's total pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the Town's total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.00 percent, as well as what the Town's total pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.00%)	Discount Rate (4.00%)	1% Increase (5.00%)
Total pension liability	\$ 895,067	\$ 799,969	\$ 715,305

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

Annual required contributions	\$ 52,419
Interest on net pension obligation	26,126
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	25,026
Difference between expected and actual experience	116,142
Benefit payments	<u>(51,843)</u>
Annual pension cost	167,870
Contributions made	<u>-</u>
Increase in net pension obligation	167,870
Net pension obligation, beginning of year	<u>632,099</u>
Net pension obligation, end of year	<u><u>\$ 799,969</u></u>

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019.

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

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

Funding Policy: Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to 5% of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$247,816 which consisted of \$146,965 from the Town and \$100,851 from the law enforcement officers.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

d. Other Post-Employment Benefits

Plan Description: The Town (by local ordinance) administers a single employer defined benefit plan and provides post-employment healthcare benefits to retirees of the Town, provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and meet the following criteria. The retiree must have at least five years of creditable service with the Town, and the retirement must be due to a medical condition, which is subject to review by the North Carolina Medical Review Board. In addition, the Town pays the full cost of coverage for these benefits for retirees with a minimum of 20 years of continuous service with the Town and meet the eligibility of the plan. The Town pays half the cost of coverage for the benefits of retirees with 15-19 years of continuous service. Any less than 15 years of continuous service and the Town does not cover the cost of coverage. Employees hired before July 1, 2015, will receive coverage paid for by the Town based on criteria met. Employees hired after July 1, 2015, are not eligible for coverage. Retirees who do not meet the aforementioned criteria have the option to purchase basic medical insurance for themselves and their dependents through the Town. The entire cost of this insurance is borne by the retirees. The Town maintains healthcare coverage through private insurers and has the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75. A separate report is not issued for the plan. Membership of the post-employment health benefit plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2023, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	30
Active plan members	49
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Total OPEB Liability

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$8,157,269 was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including wage inflation of 3.5%	
General Employees	3.25% to 8.41%
Firefighters	3.25% to 8.15%
Law Enforcement Officers	3.25% to 7.90%
Discount rate	3.65%
Healthcare cost trend rates	
Pre-Medicare	7.00% for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2033
Medicare	5.125% for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2026

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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

Changes in the Total OPEB liability

Service cost	\$ 230,056
Interest	300,858
Differences between expected and actual experience	(543,622)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(13,088)
Benefit payments	<u>(169,890)</u>
Net changes	(195,686)
OPEB balance, beginning of year	8,352,955
OPEB balance, end of year	<u>\$ 8,157,269</u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.54% to 3.65%, which is based on the Municipal Bond Index Rate of a 20-year tax exempt municipal bond (rating AA/Aa or higher) rate.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables, with adjustments for LGERS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 2015 through December 2019.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

	Current		
	1%	Discount Rate	1%
	Decrease	(3.65)	Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 9,849,358	\$ 8,157,269	\$ 6,851,516

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1%		
	Decrease	Current	Increase
	\$ 6,743,483	\$ 8,157,269	\$ 10,020,184
Total OPEB liability			

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town Recognized OPEB income of \$124,866. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,272,342
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,119,905	2,111,032
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expenses made subsequent to the measurement date	136,873	-
Total	\$ 1,256,778	\$ 3,383,374

\$136,873 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, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows: 2025: (\$655,780), 2026: (\$600,778); 2027: (\$327,946), 2028: (\$534,003) and 2029: (\$144,962).

Lump-sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months' salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the Town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based on rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

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

	LGERS	LEOSSA	OPEB	Total
Plan Expense	\$ 1,922,660	\$ 76,247	\$ (124,866)	\$ 1,874,041
Plan Liability	6,719,320	799,969	8,157,269	15,676,558
Proportionate share of the net plan liability	0.101%	N/A	N/A	
Deferred of Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	748,731	100,398	-	849,129
Changes of assumptions	285,532	129,103	1,119,905	1,534,540
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	1,798,384	-	-	1,798,384
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	66,033	-	-	66,033
Benefit payments and administrative costs paid subsequent to the measurement date	1,072,546	25,921	136,873	1,235,340
Deferred of Inflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	16,119	116,369	1,272,342	1,404,830
Changes of assumptions	-	120,278	2,111,032	2,231,310
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	-	-	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	14,008	-	-	14,008

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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

	Statement of Net Position	General Fund Balance Sheet
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for plans made subsequent to measurement date	\$ 1,235,340	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual	1,798,384	-
Changes in assumptions	1,534,540	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	849,129	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>66,033</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 5,483,426</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

	Statement of Net Position	General Fund Balance Sheet
Taxes receivables	\$ -	\$ 158,629
Assessment receivables	-	23,013
Changes in assumptions	2,231,310	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,404,830	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>14,008</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 3,650,148</u>	<u>\$ 181,642</u>

Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in three self-funded risk-financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insurance values of the property policy, and workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits. The pools are reinsured through commercial companies for single occurrence claims against general liability and property in excess of \$500,000 and \$300,000 up to statutory limits for workers' compensation. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request. The property liability pool has an aggregate limit for the total property losses in a single year, with the reinsurance limit based upon a percentage of the total insurance values.

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

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The Finance Officer is individually bonded for \$1,000,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket for \$100,000.

NOTE 3 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

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

NOTE 4 - CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The Town assisted a local not-for-profit organization to obtain a loan from a financial institution to provide financial assistance to develop local properties for the benefit of the residents of Carolina Beach. This debt is secured by properties owned by the not-for-profit and are payable solely from the payments received from the not-for-profit. The Town is not obligated in any manner for the repayment of this debt and accordingly, it is not reported as a liability in the accompanying financial statements. The Town contributes to the not-for-profit an annual amount to help in making the debt service payments of this debt. At year end, the amount outstanding is approximately \$740,000.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL DATA

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Local Government Employees' Retirement System
Required Supplementary Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability:

	2024	2023	2022
Proportionate of the net pension liability (asset)	0.101%	0.096%	0.095%
Proportionate of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 6,719,320	\$ 5,429,310	\$ 1,457,990
Covered-employee payroll	8,263,537	8,263,537	7,772,557
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	81.31%	65.70%	18.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.49%	84.14%	91.63%

Contributions:

Contractually required contribution	\$ 951,294	\$ 814,971	\$ 654,794
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>951,294</u>	<u>814,971</u>	<u>654,794</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,263,537	\$ 8,263,537	\$ 7,772,557
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	11.51%	9.86%	8.42%

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

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.089%	0.093%	0.097%	0.099%	0.099%	0.094%	0.090%
\$ 3,191,427	\$ 2,552,866	\$ 2,294,529	\$ 1,509,543	\$ 2,000,089	\$ 406,069	\$ (454,753)
6,857,062	6,333,880	5,818,062	4,892,879	5,508,904	4,919,007	4,520,727
46.54%	40.30%	39.44%	30.85%	36.31%	8.26%	-10.06%
94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	99.07%	102.64%	94.35%	96.45%
\$ 654,794	\$ 532,260	\$ 463,303	\$ 408,178	\$ 332,667	\$ 295,139	\$ 269,615
<u>654,794</u>	<u>532,260</u>	<u>463,303</u>	<u>408,178</u>	<u>332,667</u>	<u>295,139</u>	<u>269,615</u>
<u>\$ -</u>						
\$ 6,857,062	\$ 6,333,880	\$ 5,818,062	\$ 4,892,879	\$ 5,508,904	\$ 4,919,007	\$ 4,520,727
9.55%	8.40%	7.96%	8.34%	6.04%	6.00%	5.96%

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
Required Supplementary Information
Last Eight Fiscal Years

Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability:

	2024	2023	2022
Beginning balance	\$ 632,099	\$ 791,529	\$ 843,830
Service cost	52,419	59,603	65,181
Interest on the total pension liability	26,126	17,502	16,038
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	116,142	(60,262)	(80,251)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	25,026	(148,946)	(27,599)
Benefit payments	(51,843)	(27,327)	(25,670)
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 799,969</u>	<u>\$ 632,099</u>	<u>\$ 791,529</u>

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

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

Total pension liability	\$ 799,969	\$ 632,099	\$ 791,529
Covered payroll	2,075,421	1,752,025	1,666,572
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	38.54%	36.08%	47.49%

Notes to the Schedules:

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

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
\$ 597,119	\$ 612,490	\$ 597,760	\$ 503,725	\$ 496,594
41,120	37,802	41,722	36,109	32,649
18,990	21,764	18,427	18,884	17,207
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(48,370)	(66,297)	12,860	21,406	
264,199	20,588	(29,051)	46,648	(13,497)
(29,228)	(29,228)	(29,228)	(29,012)	(29,228)
<u>\$ 843,830</u>	<u>\$ 597,119</u>	<u>\$ 612,490</u>	<u>\$ 597,760</u>	<u>\$ 503,725</u>

\$ 843,830	\$ 597,119	\$ 612,490	\$ 597,760	\$ 503,725
1,593,293	1,739,444	1,617,865	1,539,776	1,402,866
52.96%	34.33%	37.86%	38.82%	35.91%

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Other Post-Employment Benefits****Required Supplementary Information****Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios****Last Seven Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 230,056	\$ 347,057	\$ 403,795
Interest	300,858	232,492	243,542
Differences between expected and actual experience	(543,622)	(8,444)	(872,239)
Changes of assumptions	(13,088)	(2,555,951)	176,317
Benefit payments	(169,890)	(156,504)	(145,820)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(195,686)	(2,141,350)	(194,405)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	8,352,955	10,494,305	10,688,710
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 8,157,269</u>	<u>\$ 8,352,955</u>	<u>\$ 10,494,305</u>
 Covered payroll	 \$ 3,616,595	 \$ 3,655,438	 \$ 3,655,438
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	225.55%	228.51%	287.09%

Notes to Schedule

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

Fiscal Year	Rate
2024	3.65%
2023	3.54%
2022	2.16%
2021	2.21%
2020	3.50%

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2021	2020	2019	2018
\$ 258,644	\$ 419,595	\$ 448,632	\$ 514,672
283,261	328,110	299,775	264,641
(22,074)	(1,218,488)	(34,305)	(2,628)
2,395,577	(4,922)	(589,512)	(1,042,422)
(121,398)	(127,403)	(94,031)	(117,256)
2,794,010	(603,108)	30,559	(382,993)
7,894,700	8,497,808	8,467,249	8,850,242
<u>\$ 10,688,710</u>	<u>\$ 7,894,700</u>	<u>\$ 8,497,808</u>	<u>\$ 8,467,249</u>
\$ 3,919,499	\$ 3,919,499	\$ 4,892,879	\$ 4,892,879
272.71%	201.42%	173.68%	173.05%

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes:			
Taxes	\$ 6,670,149		
Penalties and interest	18,229		
Total ad valorem taxes	<u>\$ 6,625,684</u>	<u>6,688,378</u>	<u>\$ 62,694</u>
Other taxes and licenses:			
Auto licenses	10,540		
Privilege licenses	101,084		
Total other taxes and licenses	<u>76,341</u>	<u>111,624</u>	<u>35,283</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental:			
Local option sales taxes	3,211,924		
Utility sales tax	610,947		
ABC distribution	673,356		
Beer and wine tax	32,638		
Other taxes	1,245,604		
Cable franchise tax	78,437		
Total unrestricted intergovernmental	<u>5,860,871</u>	<u>5,852,906</u>	<u>(7,965)</u>
Restricted intergovernmental:			
Powell Bill allocation	235,504		
Other grants	4,689,314		
Total restricted intergovernmental	<u>3,847,681</u>	<u>4,924,818</u>	<u>1,077,137</u>
Permits and fees:			
Building permits	700		
Parking permits	346,856		
Assessments	549		
Inspection fees	121,280		
Total permits and fees	<u>484,338</u>	<u>469,385</u>	<u>(14,953)</u>
Sales and services:			
Rents	278,017		
Recreation fees	1,478,156		
Court fees	6,484		
Parking	2,868,253		
Refuse fees	2,202,203		
Total sales and services	<u>6,323,937</u>	<u>6,833,113</u>	<u>509,176</u>
Investment earnings	<u>200,000</u>	<u>704,248</u>	<u>504,248</u>

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund (Continued)
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues (Continued):			
Miscellaneous	\$ 105,055	\$ 457,370	\$ 352,315
Total Revenues	<u>23,523,907</u>	<u>26,041,842</u>	<u>2,517,935</u>
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Governing body:			
Salaries and employee benefits	148,528		
Other operating expenses	297,393		
Capital outlay	-		
Total	<u>629,083</u>	<u>445,921</u>	<u>183,162</u>
Administration:			
Salaries and employee benefits	666,862		
Other operating expense	<u>797,610</u>		
Total	<u>1,595,192</u>	<u>1,464,472</u>	<u>130,720</u>
Clerk:			
Salaries and employee benefits	137,404		
Other operating expenses	32,681		
Total	<u>189,504</u>	<u>170,085</u>	<u>19,419</u>
Finance:			
Salaries and employee benefits	345,622		
Other operating expenses	<u>129,042</u>		
Total	<u>593,325</u>	<u>474,664</u>	<u>118,661</u>
Human Resources:			
Salaries and employee benefits	462,514		
Other operating expenses	<u>150,156</u>		
Total	<u>670,258</u>	<u>612,670</u>	<u>57,588</u>

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund (Continued)
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):			
Planning:			
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 578,042	
Other operating expense		103,174	
Total	\$ 812,467	681,216	\$ 131,251
Parking:			
Other operating expense		703,401	
Capital outlay		1,020,267	
Total	1,758,620	1,723,668	34,952
Beach Maintenance:			
Salaries and benefits		-	
Other operating expenses		247,561	
Capital outlay		10,894	
Total	564,190	258,455	305,735
Marina:			
Salaries and benefits		140,326	
Other operating expenses		34,118	
Capital outlay		9,430	
Total	272,889	183,874	89,015
Total general government	7,085,528	6,015,025	1,070,503
Public Safety:			
Police:			
Salaries and employee benefits		3,198,218	
Other operating expenses		469,799	
Capital outlay		245,760	
Total	4,012,959	3,913,777	99,182
Fire:			
Salaries and employee benefits		1,741,222	
Other operating expenses		260,293	
Capital outlay		967,333	
Total	3,006,622	2,968,848	37,774

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund (Continued)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):			
Lifeguard:			
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 518,355	
Other operating expenses		46,218	
Capital outlay		72,003	
Total	\$ 667,904	636,576	\$ 31,328
Total public safety	7,687,485	7,519,201	168,284
Transportation:			
Street and Highways:			
Street maintenance		377,861	
Total transportation	385,500	377,861	7,639
Fleet Maintenance:			
Other operating expenses		231,167	
Total fleet maintenance	313,000	231,167	81,833
Environmental Protection:			
Solid Waste:			
Salaries and employee benefits		856,159	
Other operating expenses		2,936,099	
Capital outlay		281,213	
Total environmental protection	4,423,612	4,073,471	350,141
Cultural and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation:			
Salaries and employee benefits		661,059	
Other operating expenses		586,978	
Capital outlay		457,284	
Total cultural and recreation	1,778,419	1,705,321	73,098
Non-Departmental:			
Other operating expenses		279,451	
Total non-departmental	281,946	279,451	2,495

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund (Continued)
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	\$ 4,064,390	\$ 4,064,390	\$ -
Interest and other charges	320,366	252,499	67,867
Total debt service	<u>4,384,756</u>	<u>4,316,889</u>	<u>67,867</u>
Total expenditures	<u>26,340,246</u>	<u>24,518,386</u>	<u>1,821,860</u>
Revenue over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,816,339)</u>	<u>1,523,456</u>	<u>4,339,795</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	1,596,072	750,924	(845,148)
Transfers out	(1,359,518)	(1,359,518)	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	357,883	357,883
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>236,554</u>	<u>(250,711)</u>	<u>(487,265)</u>
Fund balance appropriated	<u>2,579,785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,579,785)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,272,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,272,745</u>
Fund balances, beginning		<u>12,605,882</u>	
Fund balances, ending		<u>\$ 13,878,627</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2024

	Lake Park Project Fund	Ocean Sidewalk Project Fund	American Rescue Plan Fund	Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 418,540	\$ -	\$ 337,905
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	185,914	-	587	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	480,814	456,482	168,420	-
Total assets	\$ 666,728	\$ 875,022	\$ 169,007	\$ 337,905
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,132
Due to other funds	185,914	-	-	-
Unearned revenues	480,813	428,013	169,007	-
Total liabilities	\$ 666,727	\$ 428,013	\$ 169,007	\$ 67,132
Fund Balances:				
Assigned:				
Capital projects	1	447,009	-	270,773
Total fund balances	1	\$ 447,009	-	\$ 270,773
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 666,728	\$ 875,022	\$ 169,007	\$ 337,905

Schedule 2

Second Street Paving Project Fund	Marina Project	Star Fish Lane Project Fund	NCDOT Sidewalk Carolina Sands	AIA Wastewater Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 305,240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 552,882	\$ -	\$ 1,614,567
-	422,499	-	-	34,576	457,075
-	330,159	-	-	-	516,660
-	-	-	-	-	1,105,716
\$ 305,240	\$ 752,658	\$ -	\$ 552,882	\$ 34,576	\$ 3,694,018
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\$ -	\$ 259,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,630
-	10,700	-	-	34,576	231,190
-	-	-	-	-	1,077,833
-	270,198	-	-	34,576	1,635,653
305,240	482,460	-	552,882	-	2,058,365
305,240	482,460	-	552,882	-	2,058,365
\$ 305,240	\$ 752,658	\$ -	\$ 552,882	\$ 34,576	\$ 3,694,018

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Lake Park Project Fund	Ocean Sidewalk Project Fund	American Rescue Plan Fund	Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 606,775	\$ -	\$ 55,658	\$ 154,552
Investment earnings	28,300	23,742	-	-
Total revenues	<u>635,075</u>	<u>23,742</u>	<u>55,658</u>	<u>154,552</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Capital outlay	669,602	19,641	55,658	191,181
Total expenditures	<u>669,602</u>	<u>19,641</u>	<u>55,658</u>	<u>191,181</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(34,527)</u>	<u>4,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,629)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers from other funds	-	413,446	-	293,190
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>413,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,190</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(34,527)</u>	<u>417,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,561</u>
Fund balances, beginning	<u>34,528</u>	<u>29,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,212</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 447,009</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 270,773</u>

Schedule 3

Second Street Paving Project Fund	Marina Project Fund	Star Fish Lane Project Fund	NCDOT Sidewalk Carolina Sands	AIA Wastewater Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 1,358,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,576	\$ 2,209,744
	29,708				81,750
<u>-</u>	<u>1,387,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,576</u>	<u>2,291,494</u>
1,690	1,408,194	12,493	-	34,576	2,393,035
<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,408,194</u>	<u>12,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,576</u>	<u>2,393,035</u>
(1,690)	(20,303)	(12,493)	-	-	(101,541)
-	100,000	(925)	552,882	-	1,358,593
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>(925)</u>	<u>552,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,358,593</u>
(1,690)	79,697	(13,418)	552,882	-	1,257,052
306,930	402,763	13,418	-	-	801,313
\$ 305,240	\$ 482,460	\$ -	\$ 552,882	\$ -	\$ 2,058,365

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 4**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Marina Project Fund
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Investment income	\$ 66,723	\$ 37,067	\$ 29,708	\$ 66,775
Restricted intergovernmental	<u>4,190,232</u>	<u>3,022,707</u>	<u>1,358,183</u>	<u>4,380,890</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,256,955</u>	<u>3,059,774</u>	<u>1,387,891</u>	<u>4,447,665</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	<u>6,111,783</u>	<u>4,411,839</u>	<u>1,408,194</u>	<u>5,820,033</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,111,783</u>	<u>4,411,839</u>	<u>1,408,194</u>	<u>5,820,033</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(1,854,828)</u>	<u>(1,352,065)</u>	<u>(20,303)</u>	<u>(1,372,368)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Long-term borrowing issued	520,000	520,000	-	520,000
Transfers in	<u>1,334,828</u>	<u>1,234,828</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>1,334,828</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>1,854,828</u>	<u>1,754,828</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>1,854,828</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 402,763</u>	<u>79,697</u>	<u>\$ 482,460</u>
Fund balances, beginning			<u>402,763</u>	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 482,460</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 5**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Lake Park Recreation Project Fund
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Actual Total to Date
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 87,412	\$ 606,775	\$ 694,187
Investment earnings	-	34,528	28,300	62,828
Total revenues	<u>1,175,000</u>	<u>121,940</u>	<u>635,075</u>	<u>757,015</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	1,175,000	87,412	669,602	757,014
Total expenditures	<u>1,175,000</u>	<u>87,412</u>	<u>669,602</u>	<u>757,014</u>
Revenues under expenditures	-	34,528	(34,527)	1
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,528</u>	<u>(34,527)</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>
Fund balances, beginning			34,528	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 1</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 6**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Ocean Sidewalk Fund
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Actual Total to Date
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 900,000	\$ 471,987	\$ -	\$ 471,987
Investment earnings	41,533	29,463	23,742	53,205
Total revenues	<u>941,533</u>	<u>501,450</u>	<u>23,742</u>	<u>525,192</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	1,354,979	471,988	19,641	491,629
Total expenditures	<u>1,354,979</u>	<u>471,988</u>	<u>19,641</u>	<u>491,629</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(413,446)</u>	<u>29,462</u>	<u>4,101</u>	<u>33,563</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	413,446	-	413,446	413,446
Long-term debt issued	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>413,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>413,446</u>	<u>413,446</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,462</u>	<u>417,547</u>	<u>\$ 447,009</u>
Fund balances, beginning			<u>29,462</u>	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 447,009</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 7****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual**
American Rescue Plan Fund
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Actual Total to Date
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 1,019,672	\$ 513,696	\$ 55,658	\$ 569,354
Total revenues	<u>1,019,672</u>	<u>513,696</u>	<u>55,658</u>	<u>569,354</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	1,019,672	513,696	55,658	569,354
Total expenditures	<u>1,019,672</u>	<u>513,696</u>	<u>55,658</u>	<u>569,354</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances, beginning				-
Fund balances, ending				<u>\$ -</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 8****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual**
AIA Wastewater Project
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 34,576	\$ 34,576
Total revenues	<u>400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,576</u>	<u>34,576</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	400,000	-	34,576	34,576
Total expenditures	<u>400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,576</u>	<u>34,576</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances, beginning				<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ -</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 9**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Actual Total to Date
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 1,630,537	\$ -	\$ 154,552	\$ 154,552
Total revenues	<u>1,630,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,552</u>	<u>154,552</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	2,038,172	100,233	191,181	291,414
Total expenditures	<u>2,038,172</u>	<u>100,233</u>	<u>191,181</u>	<u>291,414</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(407,635)</u>	<u>(100,233)</u>	<u>(36,629)</u>	<u>(136,862)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	407,635	-	293,190	293,190
Total other financing sources	<u>407,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,190</u>	<u>293,190</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (100,233)</u>	<u>256,561</u>	<u>\$ 156,328</u>
Fund balances, beginning			14,212	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 270,773</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 10**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Second Street Paving Project
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	309,328	2,398	1,690	4,088
Total expenditures	<u>309,328</u>	<u>2,398</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>4,088</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(309,328)</u>	<u>(2,398)</u>	<u>(1,690)</u>	<u>(4,088)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	309,328	309,328	-	309,328
Total other financing sources	<u>309,328</u>	<u>309,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>309,328</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 306,930</u>	<u>(1,690)</u>	<u>\$ 305,240</u>
Fund balances, beginning			<u>306,930</u>	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 305,240</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 11****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual**
Star Fish Lane Project
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Actual Total to Date
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 131,250	\$ 131,250	\$ -	\$ 131,250
Total revenues	<u>131,250</u>	<u>131,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,250</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	192,974	179,556	12,493	192,049
Total expenditures	<u>192,974</u>	<u>179,556</u>	<u>12,493</u>	<u>192,049</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(61,724)</u>	<u>(48,306)</u>	<u>(12,493)</u>	<u>(60,799)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	61,724	61,724	(925)	60,799
Total other financing sources	<u>61,724</u>	<u>61,724</u>	<u>(925)</u>	<u>60,799</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,418</u>	<u>(13,418)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances, beginning			13,418	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ -</u>	

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Customer charges:			
Water and sewer		\$ 6,952,935	
User fees		594,393	
Other municipals		285,738	
Stormwater fees		1,862,583	
Total customer charges	\$ 9,262,018	9,695,649	\$ 433,631
Other Operating Revenues:			
Water and sewer taps	378,268	283,690	(94,578)
Other operating revenues	24,500	38,798	14,298
Total other operating revenues	402,768	322,488	(80,280)
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Interest	125,000	676,439	551,439
Total non-operating revenues	125,000	676,439	551,439
Total revenues	9,789,786	10,694,576	904,790
Expenditures:			
Water and Sewer Administration:			
Salaries and employee benefits		501,850	
Other operating expenditures		14,862	
Total water and sewer administration	636,787	516,712	120,075
Facilities and Equipment:			
Other operating expenditures		99,837	
Total facilities and equipment	141,000	99,837	41,163
Water Treatment:			
Salaries and employee benefits		468,951	
Chemicals		185,877	
Utilities		145,321	
Other operating expenditures		307,189	
Total water treatment	1,196,607	1,107,338	89,269

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):			
Water Distribution:			
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 160,162	
Utilities		87,133	
Other operating expenditures		434,895	
Total water distribution	\$ 901,633	682,190	\$ 219,443
Waste Collection and Treatment:			
Sewer Collection System:			
Salaries and employee benefits		781,082	
Other operating expenditures		283,615	
Total water collection and treatment	1,285,964	1,064,697	221,267
Stormwater Drainage:			
Salaries and employee benefits		675,234	
Other operating expenditures		128,047	
Total stormwater drainage	1,022,381	803,281	219,100
Repairs and Maintenance			
Total operating expenditures	1,763,038	895,644	867,394
Non-Operating Expenses:			
Debt service:			
Interest		897,495	
Principal retirement		1,184,260	
Total debt service	2,391,680	2,081,755	309,925
Capital Outlay:			
System improvements	251,998	170,368	81,630
Total expenditures	9,591,088	7,421,822	2,169,266
Revenues over (under) expenditures	198,698	3,272,754	3,074,056
Other financing sources (uses):			
Appropriated fund balance	551,302	-	(551,302)
Transfer from other funds	-	1,080,867	1,080,867
Transfer to other funds	(750,000)	(1,617,880)	(867,880)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(198,698)	(537,013)	(338,315)

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 2,735,741	<u>\$ 2,735,741</u>
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Capital project fund - capital outlay		(1,443,713)	
Capital project fund - intergovernmental grant		829,073	
Capital project fund - investment earnings		74,054	
Transfers from capital project fund		(212,986)	
Principal retirement		1,479,437	
Capital outlay		1,926,628	
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(249,099)	
Amortization of issuance premiums		(295,177)	
Changes in related pension liability		(229,808)	
Amortization		(32,898)	
Impairment on CIP		(913,379)	
Depreciation		(1,899,958)	
Total reconciling items		<u>(967,826)</u>	
Change in net position		<u>\$ 1,767,915</u>	

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Schedule 13

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Water Project
From Inception and Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Actual		
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 64,257	\$ 74,054	\$ 138,311
Restricted intergovernmental	1,025,619	214,039	829,073	1,043,112
Total revenues	<u>1,025,619</u>	<u>278,296</u>	<u>903,127</u>	<u>1,181,423</u>
Expenditures:				
Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects:				
Phases B, C, D, and E	\$ 13,722,762	\$ 13,681,409	\$ -	\$ 13,681,409
Wastewater Treatment Plant	3,380,100	731,963	648,561	1,380,524
Water Lines, Lakes and Wells	4,795,505	4,006,386	789,122	4,795,508
Total expenditures	<u>21,898,367</u>	<u>18,419,758</u>	<u>1,437,683</u>	<u>19,857,441</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	21,898,367	20,151,496	829,074	20,980,570
Total other financing sources	<u>21,898,367</u>	<u>20,151,496</u>	<u>829,074</u>	<u>20,980,570</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 1,025,619</u>	<u>\$ 2,010,034</u>	<u>\$ 294,518</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,552</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 14****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Northend Project
From Inception and Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expenditures:				
Stormwater improvements	\$ 909,549	\$ 696,562	\$ -	\$ 696,562
Total expenditures	<u>909,549</u>	<u>696,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>696,562</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	909,549	909,549	(212,987)	696,562
Total other financing sources	<u>909,549</u>	<u>909,549</u>	<u>(212,987)</u>	<u>696,562</u>
Other financing sources over expenditures	\$ -	\$ 212,987	\$ (212,987)	\$ -

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 15**
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Second Street Utility Project
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	194,907	2,398	6,030	8,428
Total expenditures	<u>194,907</u>	<u>2,398</u>	<u>6,030</u>	<u>8,428</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(194,907)</u>	<u>(2,398)</u>	<u>(6,030)</u>	<u>(8,428)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	194,907	194,907	-	194,907
Total other financing sources	<u>194,907</u>	<u>194,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,907</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 192,509</u>	<u>(6,030)</u>	<u>\$ 186,479</u>
Fund balances, beginning			<u>192,509</u>	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 186,479</u>	

OTHER SCHEDULES

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule 1****General Fund****Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable****June 30, 2024**

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance July 1,2023	Additions	Collections, and Credits	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2024
2023-2024	\$ -	\$ 6,671,005	\$ 6,642,868	\$ 28,137
2022-2023	36,205	-	23,239	12,966
2021-2022	13,324	-	2,985	10,339
2020-2021	11,896	-	1,428	10,468
2019-2020	17,209	-	1,351	15,858
2018-2019	15,317	-	718	14,599
2017-2018	14,203	-	140	14,063
2016-2017	17,986	-	113	17,873
2015-2016	17,045	-	286	16,759
2014-2015	17,688	-	120	17,568
2013-2014	15,686	-	15,686	-
Total	\$ 176,559	\$ 6,671,005	\$ 6,688,934	\$ 158,630

Less: allowance for uncollectible ad valorem taxes receivable -

Ad valorem taxes receivable - net \$ 158,630

Reconciliation of collections and credits with revenues:

Ad valorem taxes - general fund	\$ 6,670,149
<u>Reconciling items:</u>	
Releases and refunds and other adjustments	556
Interest and penalties collected	18,229
Total collections and credits	<u>\$ 6,688,934</u>

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule 2

	Property Valuation (in Thousand)	Rate	Amount of Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Total Levy
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current year rate	\$ 2,986,870,377	0.2150	\$ 6,421,771	\$ 6,421,771	\$ -
Registered motor vehicles at current year rates	91,308,172	0.2150	196,313	-	196,313
Registered motor vehicles at prior year rates	24,681,637	0.2150	53,065	-	53,065
Penalties	-		3,988	4,556	-
Total	<u>3,102,860,186</u>		<u>6,675,137</u>	<u>6,426,327</u>	<u>249,378</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	-	-	214	214	-
Abatements:					
Current year taxes	<u>(2,022,005)</u>	-	<u>(4,346)</u>	<u>(4,346)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property value	<u>\$ 3,100,838,181</u>				
Net levy			6,671,005	6,422,195	249,378
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2024			28,137	28,137	-
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 6,642,868</u>	<u>\$ 6,394,058</u>	<u>\$ 249,378</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>99.58%</u>	<u>99.56%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregated remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

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

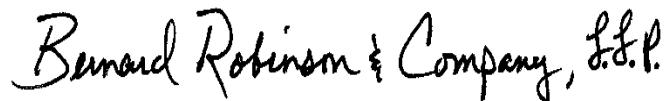
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P." The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Bernard" and "Robinson" being the first names and "Company, L.L.P." being the firm name.

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 17, 2024



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

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Town's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P.

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 17, 2024



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

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Town's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each major state program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

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

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

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Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P.

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 17, 2024

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures
Federal Grants:				
Department of Homeland Security				
Passed-through N.C. Department of Public Safety			\$ 66,065	\$ -
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	FEMA-4393-DR-NC		
Department of Transportation				
Passed-through N.C. Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STBG-DA	126,497	-
United States Treasury				
Passed through the State of North Carolina				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	NC0073	1,051,696	-
Total assistance - federal program			<u>1,244,258</u>	<u>-</u>
State Grants:				
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality				
Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access Program		CW-36287/CW-454460605	-	612,497
Wastewater Asset Inventory		AIA-D-ARP-0093/AIA-W-ARP-0074	-	34,576
N.C. Office of State Budget and Management				
State Capital Infrastructure Funds		SL 2021.180	-	1,527,473
N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation				
Land and water Conservation Fund			-	175,000
N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources				
North Carolina Land and Water Fund		GS 20-81.12/GS 20-79.7	-	3,015,882
N.C. Department of Transportation				
Non-state System Street Aid Allocation (Powell Bill)		DOT-4	-	377,861
Total assistance - state program			<u>-</u>	<u>5,743,289</u>
Total federal expenditures			<u>\$ 1,244,258</u>	
Total state expenditures				<u>\$ 5,743,289</u>

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of the Town of Carolina Beach under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Carolina Beach, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Town of Carolina Beach.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs****Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results*Financial Statements*

(i) Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
(ii) Internal control over financial reporting	
(a) Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(iii) Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Federal Awards

(i) Internal control over major programs	
(a) Material weakness(es) identified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(ii) Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
(iii) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) of Uniform Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(iv) Identification of major programs:	

Assistance Listing Number(s)
21.027

Name of Federal Program
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

(v) Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
(vi) Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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

None reported

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

None reported

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

State Awards

(i) Internal control over major programs	
(a) Material weakness(es) identified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(ii) Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
(iii) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(iv) Identification of major State programs:	

Program Name

North Carolina Land and Water Fund

Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program

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

Deficiencies

None reported

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

Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2024

None