

TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE
SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the Town Council
Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units and each major fund of the Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial statements of the Town of Spruce Pine ABC Board were not audited in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

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

the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit and each major fund of the Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina as of June 30, 2017, 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 conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 11, the Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions on pages 47 and 48 and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance's Schedule of the Changes in Total Pension Liability and Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll, on pages 49 and 50, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which 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 the Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina. The individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules as well as the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, the individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2017 on our consideration of Town of Spruce Pine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, and other matters. The purpose of the report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Spruce Pine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 28, 2017

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Spruce Pine, we offer readers of the Town of Spruce Pine's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. We encourage readers to review the information presented here in conjunction with additional information furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

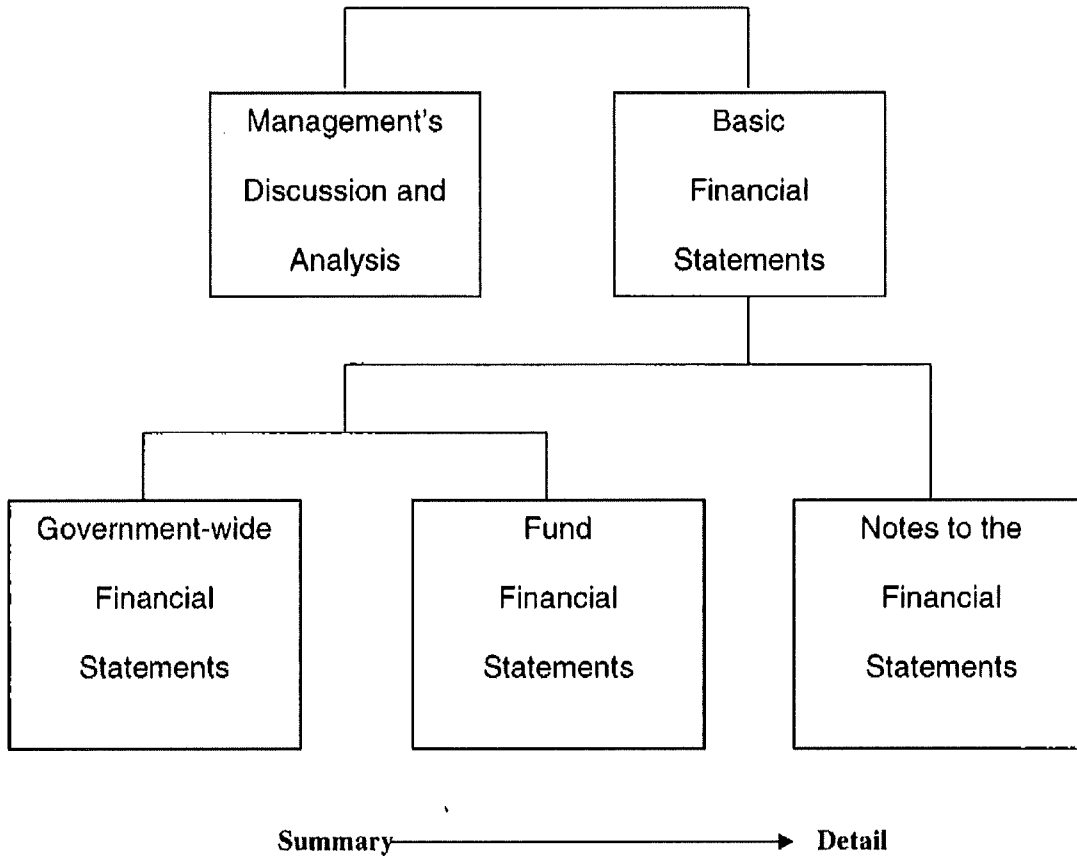
- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Spruce Pine exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$21,224,715 (*net position*).
- The government's total net position increased by \$959,463.
- As of the close of the fiscal year, the Town of Spruce Pine's General fund reported ending fund balances of \$3,214,577, an increase of \$443,659 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned (available for spending at the government's discretion) fund balance for the General Fund was \$3,045,308 or 154.0% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The Town of Spruce Pine's total long-term debt increased by \$272,844 (26.7%) during the current fiscal year mostly attributable to the net pension liability.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Town of Spruce Pine'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 Spruce Pine.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



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

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, and is similar in format to the financial statements 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 it has 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; 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, and general administration. Property taxes, sales taxes and state-shared revenues such as gas tax or utility franchise tax finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the Town charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer services offered by the Town of Spruce Pine. The final category is the component unit. Although legally separate from the Town, the ABC Board is important to the Town. The Town exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and the Board is required to distribute its profits to the Town.

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

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements 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 Spruce Pine, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinances. All of the Town's funds can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for 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 be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the coming fiscal 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 can help him or her determine if more or less financial resources are 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 part of the fund financial statements.

The Town of Spruce Pine adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from citizens, Town management, as well as decisions made by the Town Council 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 provided for in the adopted budget. 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

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shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. To account for the difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis, a reconciliation showing the differences in the reported activities is shown at the end of the budgetary statement.

Proprietary Funds – The Town of Spruce Pine has one proprietary, or *Enterprise Fund*, which is used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses one enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer activity. This fund functions in the same way as those shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the “Basic Financial Statements” section of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Town of Spruce Pine’s Net Position

Figure 2

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 3,902,501	\$ 3,472,753	\$ 944,219	\$ 796,992	\$ 4,846,720	\$ 4,269,745
Noncurrent assets	2,771,479	2,756,819	15,117,936	14,764,427	17,889,415	17,521,246
Deferred outflows of resources	308,903	79,915	2,000	-	310,903	79,915
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	6,982,883	6,309,487	16,064,155	15,561,419	23,047,038	21,790,991
Long-term liabilities outstanding	648,274	88,379	389,356	568,895	1,037,630	657,274
Other liabilities	150,665	122,355	614,537	472,555	765,202	594,910
Deferred inflows of resources	19,491	81,832	-	-	19,491	81,832
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	818,430	292,566	1,003,893	1,041,450	1,822,323	1,334,016
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	2,771,479	2,756,820	14,549,042	13,984,286	17,320,521	16,741,106
Restricted	81,822	83,936	-	-	81,822	83,936
Unrestricted	3,311,152	3,176,165	511,220	535,683	3,822,372	3,711,848
Total net position	\$ 6,164,453	\$ 6,016,921	\$ 15,060,262	\$ 14,519,969	\$ 21,224,715	\$ 20,536,890

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government’s financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Town of Spruce Pine exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$21,224,715 as of June 30, 2017. The Town’s net position increased by \$959,463 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. However, the largest portion (81.6%) reflects the Town’s net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The Town of Spruce Pine uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Spruce Pine’s net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town’s net position, \$81,822

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(0.1%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$3,822,372 (18.0%) is unrestricted.

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

- Utilization of a Financial Operating Policy which maximizes cash management.
- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 97.37%, an increase from last year's rate of 95.03%.
- Continued effort to control costs and seek additional revenue sources.

**Town of Spruce Pine Changes in Net Position
Figure 3**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 35,724	\$ 87,093	\$ 2,260,603	\$ 2,199,854	\$ 2,296,327	\$ 2,286,947
Operating grants and contributions	100,296	147,626	-	-	100,296	147,626
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	840,360	61,525	840,360	61,525
General revenues:						
Property taxes	1,163,968	1,110,742	-	-	1,163,968	1,110,742
Other taxes	787,065	714,390	-	-	787,065	714,390
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs						
Other	15,317	13,243	-	-	15,317	13,243
Other	300,557	84,686	-	-	300,557	84,686
Total revenues	2,402,927	2,157,780	3,100,963	2,261,379	5,503,890	4,419,159
Expenditures:						
General government	277,871	251,384	-	-	277,871	251,384
Public safety	918,499	930,419	-	-	918,499	930,419
Transportation	434,322	308,315	-	-	434,322	308,315
Economic development	2,681	40,864	-	-	2,681	40,864
Culture and recreation	269,089	288,212	-	-	269,089	288,212
Environmental protection	63,293	71,306	-	-	63,293	71,306
Cemetery	18,002	15,425	-	-	18,002	15,425
Water and sewer	-	-	2,560,670	2,385,159	2,560,670	2,385,159
Total expenses	1,983,757	1,905,925	2,560,670	2,385,159	4,544,427	4,291,084
Increase in net position before transfers	419,170	251,855	540,293	(123,780)	959,463	128,075
Transfers						
Increase in net position	419,170	251,855	540,293	(123,780)	959,463	128,075
Net position, July 1	6,016,921	5,765,066	14,519,969	14,702,769	20,536,890	20,467,835
Net position, beginning, restated	5,745,283	5,765,066	14,519,969	14,643,749	20,265,252	26,674,297
Net position, June 30	\$ 6,164,453	\$ 6,016,921	\$ 15,060,262	\$ 14,519,969	\$ 21,224,715	\$ 26,802,372

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$419,170. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Increase in taxes collected

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- **Business-type activities:** Business-type activities increased the Town of Spruce Pine's net position by \$540,293.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

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

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town of Spruce Pine'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, the unreserved 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 Spruce Pine. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's fund balance available for spending in the General Fund was \$3,045,308, while total fund balance reached \$3,214,577.

At June 30, 2017, the governmental funds of the Town of Spruce Pine reported a combined fund balance of \$3,214,577, a 16.0% increase from last year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights: The Town revised the budget on several occasions throughout the year. 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 updated 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.

Conservative revenue estimation and diligent monitoring of expenditures contributed to budget stability and continued sound financial condition for the Town.

Proprietary Funds. The Town of Spruce Pine's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$511,220. The change in net position was an increase of \$540,293. 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 of Spruce Pine's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2017, totals \$17,889,415 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads and bridges, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

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**Town of Spruce Pine's Capital Assets
(net of depreciation)**

Figure 4

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Land	\$ 548,641	\$ 548,641	\$ 48,845	\$ 48,845	\$ 597,486	\$ 597,486
Construction in progress	-	-	612,990	2,739,958	612,990	2,739,958
Buildings	1,338,604	1,366,544	-	-	1,338,604	1,366,544
Building improvements	208,570	232,714	-	-	208,570	232,714
Equipment	105,746	40,210	74,446	93,554	180,192	133,764
Recreation park	396,434	399,472	-	-	396,434	399,472
Furniture and maintenanc	12,679	16,906	-	-	12,679	16,906
Vehicles	150,400	142,115	-	-	150,400	142,115
Infrastructure	10,405	10,217	-	-	10,405	10,217
Water and sewer system	-	-	14,321,358	11,821,453	14,321,358	11,821,453
Water meters	-	-	60,297	56,455	60,297	56,455
Total	\$ 2,771,479	\$ 2,756,819	\$ 15,117,936	\$ 14,760,265	\$ 17,889,415	\$ 17,517,084

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in note III.A.4 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt. As of June 30, 2017, the Town of Spruce Pine's long-term debt consisted of the following:

**Town of Spruce Pine's Outstanding Debt
General Obligation Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities**

Figure 5

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Note payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 412,420	\$ 436,680	\$ 412,420	\$ 436,680
Installment purchases	-	-	32,962	96,965	32,962	96,965
Compensated absences	65,373	68,917	-	-	65,373	68,917
Pension related debt (LGERS)	342,120	72,525	-	-	342,120	72,525
Pension related debt (LEO)	273,306	59,429	-	-	273,306	59,429
General obligation bonds	-	-	123,512	242,333	123,512	242,333
Total	\$ 680,799	\$ 200,871	\$ 568,894	\$ 775,978	\$ 1,249,693	\$ 976,849

- As mentioned previously, the Town of Spruce Pine's total debt increased by \$272,844 (26.7%) during the past fiscal year, mostly attributable to the increase in the net pension liability.

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. The legal debt margin for Town of Spruce Pine is \$17,301,829.

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Additional information regarding the Town of Spruce Pine's long-term debt can be found in note III.B.6 beginning on page 43 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town's economy has remained steady for the past year and should remain that way for the next budget year. Revenue estimates for next year's budget are projected slightly higher primarily due to projected increase in sales taxes and franchise taxes.

Real estate and personal property rates remained 51 cents per hundred dollars with little or no increase in valuation. Water and sewer rates were increased across the board for inside and outside rates.

These increases should cover the economic increases in normal contract increases and ongoing increases in utilities, wages, benefits and supplies.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Governmental Activities: The property tax rate for the Town of Spruce Pine remains at \$0.51 per \$100 valuation. Increases in operating expenses were offset with sales and franchise tax increases. Normal capital items were included for all departments. The main revenue sources for the General Fund are 1) property and vehicle taxes (53.9%), 2) other taxes including franchise (35.9%), and 3) Powell bill (3.8%). These three sources reflect 93.6% of total general revenue sources. The Town did not budget any fund balance amount this coming year.

Business – type Activities: The total Water and Sewer Fund budget for the Town of Spruce Pine is \$2,269,949. This is a 1.8% increase over the previous year due to normal economic increases and our contract with American Water. These increases will be offset with an increase in water and sewer rates and the remainder covered through volume related increases.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Finance Officer, Town of Spruce Pine, P.O. Box 189, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Basic Financial Statements

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Primary Government			
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Primary Government	Town of Spruce Pine ABC Board
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,241,429	\$ 253,882	\$ 3,495,311	\$ 170,039
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	37,614	43,199	80,813	-
Taxes receivable (net)	78,162	-	78,162	-
Accrued interest receivable on taxes	13,094	-	13,094	-
Accounts receivable (net)	-	645,938	645,938	-
Notes receivable (net)	476,876	-	476,876	-
Due from other governments	44,208	-	44,208	-
Inventories	618	-	618	140,364
Prepaid items	10,500	1,200	11,700	-
Total current assets	<u>3,902,501</u>	<u>944,219</u>	<u>4,846,720</u>	<u>310,403</u>
Non-current assets:				
Capital assets (Note 4):				
Land, non-depreciable improvements, and construction in progress	548,641	661,835	1,210,476	40,000
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	2,222,838	14,456,101	16,678,939	322,372
Total non-current assets	<u>2,771,479</u>	<u>15,117,936</u>	<u>17,889,415</u>	<u>362,372</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,673,980</u>	<u>\$ 16,062,155</u>	<u>\$ 22,736,135</u>	<u>\$ 672,775</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension deferrals	\$ 308,903	\$ -	\$ 308,903	\$ -
Deferred charges on bond issuance	-	2,000	2,000	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>308,903</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>310,903</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	118,140	391,800	509,940	57,393
Current portion of long-term liabilities	32,525	179,538	212,063	14,412
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:				
Customer deposits	-	43,199	43,199	-
Long-term liabilities:				
Total pension liability (LEO)	273,306	-	273,306	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	342,120	-	342,120	-
Due in more than one year	32,848	389,356	422,204	391,018
Total liabilities	<u>798,939</u>	<u>1,003,893</u>	<u>1,802,832</u>	<u>462,823</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	1,652	-	1,652	-
Pension deferrals	17,839	-	17,839	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>19,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,491</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	2,771,479	14,549,042	17,320,521	-
Restricted for:				
Stabilization by State Statute	44,208	-	44,208	-
Police equitable sharing	37,614	-	37,614	-
Unrestricted	3,311,152	511,220	3,822,372	209,952
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,164,453</u>	<u>\$ 15,060,262</u>	<u>\$ 21,224,715</u>	<u>\$ 209,952</u>

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

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues						Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Town of Spruce Pine ABC Board
Primary government:								
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 277,871	\$ 1,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (377,871)	\$ -	\$ (377,871)	\$ -
Public safety	918,499	16,484	-	-	(900,285)	-	(900,285)	-
Transportation	434,322	-	83,812	-	(350,510)	-	(350,510)	-
Economic and physical development	2,681	-	-	-	(2,681)	-	(2,681)	-
Environmental protection	63,293	1,504	-	-	(61,789)	-	(61,789)	-
Cultural and recreation	269,089	25,779	-	-	(243,310)	-	(243,310)	-
Cemetery	18,002	6,711	-	-	(11,291)	-	(11,291)	-
Total governmental activities (See Note 1)	1,983,757	35,724	100,296	-	(1,847,737)	-	(1,847,737)	-
Business-type activities:								
Water and sewer	2,560,670	2,260,603	-	840,360	-	540,293	540,293	-
Electric	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	2,560,670	2,260,603	-	840,360	-	540,293	540,293	-
Total primary government	\$ 4,544,427	\$ 2,296,327	\$ 100,296	\$ 840,360	\$ (1,847,737)	\$ 540,293	\$ (1,307,444)	\$ -
Component units:								
ABC Board	\$ 1,220,296	\$ 1,269,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,608
Total component unit	\$ 1,220,296	\$ 1,269,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,608

General revenues:

Taxes:								
Property taxes, levied for general purpose					1,163,968		1,163,968	
Other taxes					787,065		787,065	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					15,317		15,317	
Unrestricted investment earnings					1,540		1,540	64
Sale of capital assets					221,423		221,423	
Miscellaneous					77,594		77,594	
Transfers								
Total general revenues and transfers					2,266,907		2,266,907	64
Change in net position					419,170	540,293	959,463	49,672
Net position, beginning					6,016,921	14,519,969	20,536,890	160,280
Net position, beginning, as restated					5,745,283	14,519,969	20,265,252	160,280
Net position, ending					\$ 6,164,453	\$ 15,060,262	\$ 21,224,715	\$ 209,952

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**Town of Spruce Pine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017**

	Major Funds	Total Governmental
	General	Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,241,429	\$ 3,241,429
Receivables, net:		
Taxes	78,162	78,162
Accounts	-	-
Notes receivable	476,876	476,876
Due from other governments	44,208	44,208
Due from other funds	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	10,500	10,500
Inventories	618	618
Restricted cash	37,614	37,614
Total assets	\$ 3,889,407	\$ 3,889,407
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 118,140	\$ 118,140
Due to other funds	-	-
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:		
Accounts payable	-	-
Total liabilities	118,140	118,140
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property taxes receivable	78,162	78,162
Notes receivable	476,876	476,876
Prepaid taxes	1,652	1,652
Total deferred inflows of resources	556,690	556,690
FUND BALANCES		
Non Spendable		
Inventories	618	618
Prepays	10,500	10,500
Restricted		
Stabilization by State Statute	44,208	44,208
Streets - Powell Bill	-	-
Police Equitable Sharing	37,614	37,614
Assigned		
Capital Projects		
Subsequent year's expenditures	76,329	76,329
Unassigned	3,045,308	3,045,308
Total fund balances	3,214,577	3,214,577
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 3,889,407	\$ 3,889,407

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	2,771,479
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are deferred outflows of resources on the Statement of Net Position	308,903
Other long-term assets (notes receivable and accrued interest receivable from taxes) are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	489,970 ✓
Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements.	78,162 ✓
Pension related deferrals	(17,839)
Long-term debt included as net position below (includes the addition of long term debt and principal payments during the year.)	(680,799)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,164,453</u>

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Exhibit 4

Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund		
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$	1,180,829	\$ 1,180,829
Other taxes and licenses		782,764	782,764
Unrestricted intergovernmental		15,317	15,317
Restricted intergovernmental		100,296	100,296
Permits and fees		180	180
Sales and services		25,779	25,779
Investment earnings		1,540	1,540
Miscellaneous		118,011	118,011
Total revenues		2,224,716	2,224,716
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government		229,187	229,187
Public safety		922,746	922,746
Transportation		377,805	377,805
Environmental protection		71,972	71,972
Cemetery		18,002	18,002
Culture and recreation		263,859	263,859
Economic development		128,361	128,361
Debt service:			
Principal		-	-
Interest and other charges		-	-
Capital outlay			
Total expenditures		2,011,932	2,011,932
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		212,784	212,784
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers (to) from other funds		-	-
Sale of capital assets		230,875	230,875
Installment purchase obligations issued		-	-
Discount on debt issued		-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		230,875	230,875
Net change in fund balance		443,659	443,659
Fund balances, beginning		2,770,918	2,770,918
Change in reserve for inventories		-	-
Fund balances, ending	\$	3,214,577	\$ 3,214,577

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

**Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 443,659
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period	24,112
Book value assets disposed	(9,452)
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	68,971
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues	(16,861)
Change in unavailable revenue for notes receivable	8,649
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	3,544
Change in pension deferrals (LGERS)	(88,216)
Change in pension deferrals (LEOSSA)	<u>(15,236)</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 419,170</u>

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**Town of Spruce Pine
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,106,380	\$ 1,106,380	\$ 1,180,829	\$ 74,449
Other taxes and licenses	758,067	758,067	782,764	24,697
Unrestricted intergovernmental	12,361	12,361	15,317	2,956
Restricted intergovernmental	86,177	103,690	100,296	(3,394)
Permits and fees	325	325	180	(145)
Sales and services	26,769	26,769	25,779	(990)
Investment earnings	1,045	1,045	1,540	495
Miscellaneous	115,984	115,984	118,011	2,027
Total revenues	<u>2,107,108</u>	<u>2,124,621</u>	<u>2,224,716</u>	<u>100,095</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	228,465	233,965	229,187	4,778
Public safety	924,798	945,986	922,746	23,240
Transportation	512,088	486,921	377,805	109,116
Environmental protection	72,013	72,013	71,972	41
Cemetery	18,540	18,540	18,002	538
Cultural and recreation	262,364	273,834	263,859	9,975
Economic development	88,840	128,362	128,361	1
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>2,107,108</u>	<u>2,159,621</u>	<u>2,011,932</u>	<u>147,689</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	-	(35,000)	212,784	247,784
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers to other funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Sale of assets	-	-	230,875	230,875
Appropriated fund balance	-	35,000	-	(35,000)
Proceeds from installment purchase	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>230,875</u>	<u>195,875</u>
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	443,659	<u>\$ 443,659</u>
Fund balances, beginning			2,770,918	
Change in reserve for inventories			-	
Fund balances, ending			<u>\$ 3,214,577</u>	

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Exhibit 7

**Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2017**

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 253,882	\$ 253,882
Cash and cash equivalents- restricted	43,199	43,199
Accounts receivable (net)	645,938	645,938
Prepaid items	1,200	1,200
Total current assets	<u>944,219</u>	<u>944,219</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets (net)		
Land and other non-depreciable assets	661,835	661,835
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	14,456,101	14,456,101
Capital assets (net)	<u>15,117,936</u>	<u>15,117,936</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>15,117,936</u>	<u>15,117,936</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,062,155</u>	<u>\$ 16,062,155</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred charges on bond issuance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	313,480	313,480
Customer deposits	43,199	43,199
Availability fees	78,320	78,320
General obligation bonds payable- current	122,316	122,316
Installment purchase-current	57,222	57,222
Total current liabilities	<u>614,537</u>	<u>614,537</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
General obligation bonds payable- noncurrent (net)	1,196	1,196
Installment purchase-noncurrent	388,160	388,160
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>389,356</u>	<u>389,356</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,003,893</u>	<u>1,003,893</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	14,549,042	14,549,042
Unrestricted	511,220	511,220
Total net position	<u>\$ 15,060,262</u>	<u>\$ 15,060,262</u>

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Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Water and Sewer Fund	Total
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$ 2,240,999	\$ 2,240,999
Other operating revenues	19,604	19,604
Total operating revenues	2,260,603	2,260,603
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration	1,090,894	1,090,894
Water treatment and distribution	468,534	468,534
Wastewater collection and treatment	458,528	458,528
Depreciation	528,990	528,990
Total operating expenses	2,546,946	2,546,946
Operating income (loss)	(286,343)	(286,343)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Grants and contributions	840,360	840,360
Interest expense	(11,562)	(11,562)
Bond amortization costs	(2,162)	(2,162)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	826,636	826,636
Total income (loss) before contributions and transfers	540,293	540,293
Capital contributions	-	-
Change in net position	540,293	540,293
Total net position, beginning	14,519,969	14,519,969
Total net position, ending	\$ 15,060,262	\$ 15,060,262

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Exhibit 9

**Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	Water and Sewer Fund	Totals
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,237,941	\$ 2,237,941
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,849,352)	(1,849,352)
Customer deposits received (returned)	924	924
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>389,513</u>	<u>389,513</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Grants and contributions	445,094	445,094
Total cash flows from noncapital financing activities	<u>445,094</u>	<u>445,094</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(886,662)	(886,662)
Principal paid on bond maturities and equipment contracts	(207,084)	(207,084)
Interest paid on bond maturities and equipment contracts	(11,562)	(11,562)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,105,308)</u>	<u>(1,105,308)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(270,701)	(270,701)
Balances, beginning	<u>567,782</u>	<u>567,782</u>
Balances, ending	<u>\$ 297,081</u>	<u>\$ 297,081</u>

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Exhibit 9 (cont.)

**Town of Spruce Pine
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Operating income	\$ (286,343)	\$ (286,343)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	528,990	528,990
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(22,662)	(22,662)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	168,604	168,604
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	924	924
Total adjustments	<u>675,856</u>	<u>675,856</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 389,513</u>	<u>\$ 389,513</u>

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

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Spruce Pine and its discretely presented component unit conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Spruce Pine is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a five-member council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town and its component units, legally separate entities for which the Town is financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit presented below is reported in separate columns in the Town's financial statements in order to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Town.

Town of Spruce Pine ABC Board

The Town appoints the members of the ABC Board's governing board. In addition, the ABC Board is required by State statute to distribute its surpluses to the General Fund of the Town. The ABC Board, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the ABC Board may be obtained from the entity's administrative offices at Spruce Pine ABC Board, 12344 South 226 Highway, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government and its component units. 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 of the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds

have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

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

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The Town reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer Fund. This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations. A Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund has been consolidated into the Water and Sewer Fund for financial reporting purposes. The budgetary comparison for the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund has been included in the supplemental information.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. 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 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.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 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 utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the Town because the tax is levied by Mitchell County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Grant revenues which are unearned at year-end are recorded as unearned 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 are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund and the Enterprise Funds. All annual operating budget appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Enterprise Fund Capital Projects Fund. The enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating fund for reporting purposes. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the departmental level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. The Finance Officer is authorized by the budget ordinance to transfer appropriations between functional areas within a fund up to \$1,000.; however, any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than \$1,000 must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

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

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town and the ABC Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town and the ABC Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town and the ABC Board 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 and the ABC Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority;

obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The Town's and the ABC Board's investments are reported at fair value. Non-participating interest earning contracts are accounted for at cost. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) external investment pool, is measured at amortized cost, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

3. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. Police Equitable Sharing funds are also classified as restricted cash.

Town of Spruce Pine Restricted Cash

Governmental Activities	
General Fund - restricted for Police Equitable sharing	\$ 37,614
Total governmental activities	<u>37,614</u>
Business-type activities	
Water and Sewer Fund - customer deposits	43,199
Total Business-type Activities	<u>43,199</u>
Total Restricted Cash	<u>\$ 80,813</u>

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2010.

5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

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

6. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the Town and the ABC Board are valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market. The Town's General Fund inventory consists of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures as used rather than when purchased. The inventories of the Town's Enterprise Fund and those of the ABC Board consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are \$5,000 for all capital assets. Donated capital assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 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 have not been recorded under the allowable exemption for Phase III governments in GASB Statement No. 34. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Infrastructure	50
Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Vehicles	3-5
Furniture and Equipment	5-7
Computer Equipment	3

Property, plant, and equipment of the ABC Board are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Land	n/a
Building and Improvements	10-39
Equipment	5-10

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has two items that meet this criterion, contributions made to the pension plan in the 2017 fiscal year, and deferred charges on bond issuance. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has three items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, and deferrals of pension expense that result from the implementation of GASB Statement 68.

9. 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. Material bond issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount. Material issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the Town provide for the accumulation of thirty (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 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 policy provides for an 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 has no obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position / Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents

constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund 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.

Inventories- portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of inventories, which are not spendable resources.

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

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

Committed Fund Balance portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town of Spruce Pine's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). 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.

Assigned fund balance portion of fund balance that the Town of Spruce Pine intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent year's expenditures portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

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

12. Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

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 purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of Spruce Pine's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of Spruce Pine 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.

II. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

The audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 disclosed no Material Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions.

III. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the deposits of the Town and the ABC Board are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's or the ABC Board's agents in the unit's 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 and the ABC Board these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's and the ABC Board'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, the ABC Board, or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Town and the ABC Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured. The ABC Board and the Authority have no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2017, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$3,499,541 and a bank balance of \$3,518,795. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. The carrying amount of deposits for the ABC Board was \$170,039 and the bank balance was \$187,143. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

2. Investments

At June 30, 2017, the Town had \$76,583 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Government Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAM with Standard and Poor's. The Town and the ABC Board have no policy regarding credit risk.

3. Receivables – Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

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

Fund	6/30/2017
General Fund:	
Taxes Receivable	\$ 5,000

4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 548,641	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 548,641
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>548,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>548,641</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	1,576,299	-	(76,000)	1,500,299
Building improvements	398,500	-	(18,525)	379,975
Equipment	553,558	87,989	(29,200)	612,347
Recreation park	766,513	-	-	766,513
Furniture and maintenance equipment	42,163	-	-	42,163
Vehicles	593,626	77,221	(34,548)	636,299
Infrastructure	599,942	50,000	-	649,942
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>4,530,601</u>	<u>215,210</u>	<u>(158,273)</u>	<u>4,587,538</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	209,755	27,940	(76,000)	161,695
Building improvements	165,786	14,692	(9,073)	171,405
Equipment	513,348	22,453	(29,200)	506,601
Recreation park	367,041	3,038	-	370,079
Furniture and maintenance equipment	25,257	4,227	-	29,484
Vehicles	451,511	68,936	(34,548)	485,899
Infrastructure	589,725	49,812	-	639,537
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,322,423</u>	<u>\$ 191,098</u>	<u>\$ (148,821)</u>	<u>2,364,700</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>2,208,178</u>			<u>2,222,838</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,756,819</u>			<u>\$ 2,771,479</u>

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 45,632
Public Safety	55,647
Transportation	52,667
Economic and physical development	28,699
Environmental protection	3,132
Cultural and recreational	5,321
	<u>\$ 191,098</u>

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Business-type activities:				
Water/Sewer Fund:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 48,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,845
Construction in progress	2,739,958	853,801	(2,980,769)	612,990
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,788,803</u>	<u>853,801</u>	<u>(2,980,769)</u>	<u>661,835</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Water and sewer systems	19,859,553	2,999,629	-	22,859,182
Water meters	280,540	14,000	-	294,540
Equipment	427,889	-	-	427,889
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>20,567,982</u>	<u>3,013,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,581,611</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Water and sewer systems	8,038,100	499,724	-	8,537,824
Water meters	224,085	10,158	-	234,243
Equipment	334,335	19,108	-	353,443
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>8,596,520</u>	<u>\$ 528,990</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>9,125,510</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>11,971,462</u>			<u>14,456,101</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,760,265</u>			<u>\$ 15,117,936</u>

Discretely Presented component units

Activity for the ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Land	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Building and Improvements	333,431	37,942	295,489
Equipment	88,982	62,099	26,883
Total	<u>\$ 462,413</u>	<u>\$ 100,041</u>	<u>\$ 362,372</u>

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Town of Spruce Pine is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members—nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR 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 27699-1410, 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. 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 or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of

creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Town of Spruce Pine's 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 Spruce Pine's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2017, was 8.00% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 7.40% 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. Total contributions to the pension plan from the Town of Spruce Pine were \$124,218 for the year ended June 30, 2017, comprised of \$54,506 contributed by employees and \$69,712 contributed by the Town.

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, 2017, the Town reported a liability of \$342,120 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2016 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, 2016, the Town's proportion was 0.01612%, which was a decrease of 0.00004% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Town recognized pension expense of \$98,618. At June 30, 2017, 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	6,428.00	11,988
Changes of assumptions	23,432.00	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	189,150.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	16,577	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	68,971	-
Total	<u>\$ 304,558</u>	<u>\$ 11,988</u>

\$68,971 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 asset in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2018	\$ 38,603
2019	38,574
2020	91,295
2021	55,127
2022	-
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 223,599</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 Percent
Salary increases	4.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.25 percent, 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, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

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

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
	<u>100.0%</u>	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2016 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 7.25%. 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 asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 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 (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	812,011	342,120	(50,367)

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

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

1. Plan Description.

The Town of Spruce Pine administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2016, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	1
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active plan members	10
Total	<u>11</u>

A separate report was not issued for the plan.

2. *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 Statement 73.

3. *Actuarial Assumptions*

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2015 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 Percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.35 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	3.86 percent

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of December 31, 2016.

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

Contributions.

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operation budget. There were no contributions made by employees. The Town's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investments earnings. The Town paid \$8,689 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, 2017, the Town reported a total pension liability of \$273,306. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016 based on December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2016 utilizing update procedures

incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Town recognized pension expense of \$19,750.

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-
Changes of assumptions	-	5,851
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	4,345	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,345</u>	<u>\$ 5,851</u>

\$4,345 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, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2018	\$	(1,096)
2019		(1,096)
2020		(1,096)
2021		(1,096)
2022		(1,096)
Thereafter		(371)
	<u>\$</u>	<u>(5,851)</u>

\$4,345 paid as benefits came due and \$100 of administrative expenses subsequent to the measurement date are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

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 3.86 percent, as well as what the Town's total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.86 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.86 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.86%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.86%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.86%)</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	298,033	273,306	250,704

	<u>2017</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 268,265
Service cost	11,255
Interest on the total pension liability	9,422
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(6,947)
Benefit payments	(8,689)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of total pension liability	<u>\$ 273,306</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, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan

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 both law enforcement officers and general employees of 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 and General Employees is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for General Employees and 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 four percent of each general employee and five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan. The Town made contributions of \$20,729, for the reporting year. No amounts were forfeited.

d. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Healthcare Benefits

Plan Description. At retirement, all employees have the option to purchase basic medical insurance at the Town's retirees' group rate. The entire cost of this insurance is borne by the employees; thus, no additional reporting is required under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45.

2. Other Employment Benefit

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

3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year	\$ 68,971
Benefit payments made and administrative expenses for LEOSSA	4,345
Differences between expected and actual experience	6,428
Changes of assumptions	23,432
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	189,150
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	16,577
Charge on refunding	-
Total	<u>\$ 308,903</u>

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

Source	Amount
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$ 1,652
Taxes receivable, less penalties (General Fund)	-
Changes in assumptions	5,851
Differences between expected and actual experience	11,988
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-
Total	\$ 19,491

4. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town 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 insured values of the property policy, workers' compensation coverage up to statutory limits, and employee health coverage. The liability and property exposures are reinsured through commercial carriers for claims in excess of retentions as selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Excess insurance coverage is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect against large workers' compensation claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Medical stop loss insurance is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect against large medical claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Specific information on the limits of the reinsurance, excess and stop loss policies purchased by the Board of Trustees can be obtained by contacting the Risk Management Services Department of the NC League of Municipalities. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request.

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.

The Town does not carry flood insurance.

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 and tax collector are each individually bonded for \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

5. Claims, Judgments, and Contingent Liabilities

At June 30, 2017, the Town was defendant to various lawsuits. In the opinion of the Town's management and the Town attorney, the ultimate effect of these legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Town's financial position.

6. Long-Term Obligations

a. Installment Purchases

In July 2007, the Town entered into an installment note contract to finance the construction of a utility building and belt press. Interest rate on the loan is 3.99%. Annual debt service payments of the installment purchases as of June 30, 2017, including \$657 of interest are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 32,962	\$ 657

In September 2014 Spruce Pine entered into a loan agreement with the State Revolving Fund for the construction of Water and Sewer projects. The interest on the loan is 0% and will be paid in full in 2034.

Annual debt service payments to the State Revolving Fund loan as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water/Sewer</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 24,260	\$ -
2019	24,260	-
2020	24,260	-
2021	24,260	-
2022	24,260	-
2023-2027	121,300	-
2028-2032	121,300	-
2033-2034	48,520	-
Total	<u>\$ 412,420</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

b. General obligation indebtedness

In May 2003, Spruce Pine completed a current refunding bond issuance to refinance the outstanding water and sewer bonds at that time. All bond proceeds went to paying off the outstanding bonds, and the Town received no additional moneys from this issuance. All general obligation bonds are collateralized by the faith, credit, and taxing power of the Town. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Bonds payable at June 30, 2017 are comprised of the following individual issues:

2003 water and sewer refunding bond due in annual installments ranging from \$109,966 to \$123,512 through May 2018; varying interest rates between 3.67% and 4.44%. Annual debt service payment of obligation bonds as of June 30, 2017 were \$127,146, including interest of \$3,634.

At June 30, 2017, the Town of Spruce Pine had a legal debt margin of \$17,301,829.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

Year	Water/Sewer	
	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 123,512	\$ 3,634
2019	-	-
2020	-	-
2021	-	-
2022	-	-
2023-2027	-	-
2028-2032	-	-
2033-2034	-	-
Total	\$ 123,512	\$ 3,634

c. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Current
	July 1, 2016			June 30, 2017	Portion
Government activities					
Compensated absences	68,917	33,554	(37,098)	65,373	32,525
Net pension liability (LGERS)	72,525	269,595	-	342,120	-
Pension Obligation (LEOSSA)	59,429	213,877	-	273,306	-
Governmental activity long term debt	200,871	517,026	(37,098)	680,799	32,525
Business activities					
Note payable	436,680	-	(24,260)	412,420	24,260
General obligation bonds	242,333	-	(118,821)	123,512	122,316
Installment note	96,965	-	(64,003)	32,962	32,962
Business type activity long-term debt	775,978	-	(207,084)	568,894	179,538

C. Interfund Activity

Transfers to/from Other Funds

Net Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2017 consist of the following:

From the Water/Sewer Fund to the Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund:

\$ 15,874

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, including amounts provided matching funds for various grant programs. During the 2017 fiscal year, the Town has made transfers from the Water/Sewer Fund to the Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund to assist in the financing of a water/sewer project.

D. Fund Balance

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

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 3,214,577
Less:	
Stablization by State Statute	44,208
Prepays	10,500
Inventories	618
Police equitable sharing	37,614
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2016 budget	<u>76,329</u>
Remaining fund balance	<u><u>3,045,308</u></u>

IV. Urban Development Action Grant

In 1979, the Town was awarded an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) for \$600,000. The grant provisions required the total grant proceeds to be turned directly over to Henredon, Inc. for plant expansion in Spruce Pine. Henredon, Inc. was required to repay the grant proceeds back to the Town in ten annual payments of \$60,000 plus 10% interest on the unpaid principal. The last payment was received in 1991. Upon the repayment of the grant proceeds, the Town could use the funds as needed. During 1988, the Town established a revolving loan fund of \$150,000, using UDAG funds repaid. The loans of up to \$15,000 are made to qualifying individuals for the purpose of economic development and downtown revitalization. The loan bears interest at 5%, with repayment terms extending twelve years. During the current year, loan applications of \$35,000 were received or approved. For the year ended June 30, 2017, repayments of \$35,726, were received on a total of seven outstanding loans, bringing the principal balance to \$476,876.

During 1990, the Town established a permanent loan fund, committing \$150,000, UDAG funds, for making loans to private individuals and profit-making organizations for commercial and industrial rehabilitation within the Town of Spruce Pine. The loan bears interest at 6%, with repayment terms extending five years. During the current year, no loan applications were received or approved.

V. Joint Ventures

The Town participates in a joint venture to operate a regional library with three other local governments: the counties of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey. The twelve-member board is appointed equally from among the counties with four being chosen by the counties of Avery and Yancey and two each from the county of Mitchell and the Town of Spruce Pine. The Town has an ongoing financial responsibility for the joint venture because the Library's continued existence depends on the participating governments' continued funding. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Library, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements of June 30, 2017.

The Town appropriated \$74,951 to the Library to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Library can be obtained from the Library's offices at the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library; P.O. Box 310, Burnsville, North Carolina 28714.

VI. Jointly Governed Organization

The Town, in conjunction with seven counties and eighteen municipalities, established the High Country Council of Government (Council). The participating governments established the Council to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing body and this governing body selects the management and determines the budget and financing requirements of the Council.

VII. Related Organization

The mayor and town council of the Town of Spruce Pine appoint the board of the Spruce Pine Housing Authority. The Town is accountable for the Housing Authority because it appoints the governing board, however, the Town is not financially accountable for the Housing Authority. The Town of Spruce Pine is also disclosed as a related organization in the notes to the financial statements for the Spruce Pine Housing Authority.

VIII. Significant Effects of Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 28, 2017 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

IX. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

1. Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement

The Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68*, and *Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The implementation of the statement required the Town to record beginning total pension liability and the effects on net position of benefit payments and administrative expenses paid by the Town to the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance during the measurement period (fiscal year ending December 31, 2016). As a result, net position for the governmental activities decreased \$271,638.

Required Supplementary Financial Data

This section contains additional statements required by generally accepted accounting principles.

- Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)
- Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedule of Contributions
- Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
- Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Town of Spruce Pine 's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Required Supplementary Information
Last Two Fiscal Years *

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.01612%	0.01616%	0.01670%	0.01510%
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 342,120	\$ 72,525	\$ (92,170)	\$ 182,013
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 977,155	\$ 963,587	\$ 965,013	\$ 964,265
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	35.01%	7.53%	9.55%	18.88%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability **	91.47%	98.09%	102.64%	94.35%

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

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

**Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Town of Spruce Pine's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Two Fiscal Years**

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 68,971	\$ 60,589	\$ 74,225	\$ 74,306
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	68,971	60,589	74,225	74,306
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered employee payroll	\$ 908,437	\$ 977,155	\$ 963,587	\$ 965,013
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.59%	6.20%	7.70%	7.70%

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

	2017
Beginning balance	\$ 268,265
Service cost	11,255
Interest on the total pension liability	9,422
Changes of benefit terms	
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(6,947)
Benefit payments	(8,689)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	\$ 273,306

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

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

	<u>2017</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 273,306
Covered payroll	406,412
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	67.25%

Notes to the schedules:

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

Individual Fund Statements and Schedules

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes:			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,169,368	\$ -
Penalties and interest	-	11,461	-
Total	<u>1,106,380</u>	<u>1,180,829</u>	<u>74,449</u>
Other taxes and licenses:			
Franchise tax	-	296,067	-
Other taxes	-	486,697	-
Total	<u>758,067</u>	<u>782,764</u>	<u>24,697</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental:			
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	15,317	-
Total	<u>12,361</u>	<u>15,317</u>	<u>2,956</u>
Restricted intergovernmental:			
Powell Bill allocation	-	83,812	-
Crime prevention grants	-	16,484	-
Total	<u>103,690</u>	<u>100,296</u>	<u>(3,394)</u>
Permits and fees:			
License and permits	-	180	-
Total	<u>325</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>(145)</u>
Sales and services:			
Recreation department fees	-	25,779	-
Total	<u>26,769</u>	<u>25,779</u>	<u>(990)</u>
Investment earnings	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>495</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Miscellaneous	-	62,616	-
Cemetery revenue	-	6,711	-
Revolving loan repayments	-	45,630	-
Parking violations	-	1,550	-
Solid waste disposal tax	-	1,504	-
Total	<u>115,984</u>	<u>118,011</u>	<u>2,027</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,124,621</u>	<u>2,224,716</u>	<u>100,095</u>

**Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Governing body:			
Salaries and employee benefits	-	15,953	-
Other operating expenditures	-	1,511	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>17,464</u>	<u>-</u>
Administration			
Salaries and employee benefits	-	295,534	-
Other operating expenditures	-	218,300	-
Allocated administrative costs	-	(302,111)	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>211,723</u>	<u>-</u>
Total general government	<u>233,965</u>	<u>229,187</u>	<u>4,778</u>
Public safety:			
Police:			
Salaries and employee benefits	-	629,680	-
Other operating expenditures	-	121,164	-
Capital outlay	-	39,078	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>789,922</u>	<u>-</u>
Fire:			
Other operating expenditures	-	113,789	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>113,789</u>	<u>-</u>
Inspections:			
Other operating expenditures	-	19,035	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>19,035</u>	<u>-</u>
Total public safety	<u>945,986</u>	<u>922,746</u>	<u>23,240</u>
Transportation:			
Street repair and construction			
Salaries and employee benefits	-	334,993	-
Allocated administrative costs	-	(326,342)	-
Other operating expenditures	-	243,021	-
Capital outlay	-	126,133	-
Total transportation	<u>486,921</u>	<u>377,805</u>	<u>109,116</u>
Environmental protection:			
Other operating expenditures	-	71,972	-
Total environmental protection	<u>72,013</u>	<u>71,972</u>	<u>41</u>

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and recreation:			
Parks and recreation:			
Salaries and employee benefits	-	110,701	-
Other operating expenditures	-	70,442	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>181,143</u>	<u>-</u>
Libraries			
Other operating expenditures	-	77,716	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>77,716</u>	<u>-</u>
Contribution to Tow River Arts Council	-	5,000	-
Total cultural and recreational	<u>273,834</u>	<u>263,859</u>	<u>9,975</u>
Cemetery			
Operating expenses	-	18,002	-
Total Cemetery	<u>18,540</u>	<u>18,002</u>	<u>538</u>
Economic Development			
Operating expenses	-	93,361	-
Revolving loans made	-	35,000	-
Total economic development	<u>128,362</u>	<u>128,361</u>	<u>1</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,159,621</u>	<u>2,011,932</u>	<u>147,689</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>212,784</u>	<u>247,784</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers from (to) other funds:	-	-	-
Sale of assets	-	230,875	230,875
Proceeds from installment purchase	-	-	-
Appropriated fund balance	35,000	-	(35,000)
Total	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>230,875</u>	<u>\$ 195,875</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>443,659</u>	<u>\$ 443,659</u>
Fund balances, beginning		2,770,918	
Change in reserve for inventories		-	
Fund balances, ending		<u>\$ 3,214,577</u>	

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Water and Sewer Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures
Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Operating Revenue			
Water sales	\$ -	\$ 1,297,897	\$ -
Sewer charges	-	939,202	-
Water taps	-	3,120	-
Sewer taps	-	780	-
Other operating revenues	-	19,604	-
Total operating revenues	<u>2,230,478</u>	<u>2,260,603</u>	<u>30,125</u>
Nonoperating revenues			
Interest earnings	<u>71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(71)</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,230,549</u>	<u>2,260,603</u>	<u>30,054</u>
Expenditures:			
Administration			
Supplies and materials	-	1,626	-
Contracted services	-	830,956	-
Other departmental services	-	258,312	-
Total administration	<u>1,110,692</u>	<u>1,090,894</u>	<u>19,798</u>
Water department			
Utilities	-	80,317	-
Maintenance and repairs	-	349,165	-
Other departmental services	-	53,052	-
Total	<u>488,071</u>	<u>482,534</u>	<u>5,537</u>
Sewer department			
Utilities	-	94,811	-
Employee benefits	-	317,031	-
Contracted services	-	25,604	-
Other departmental services	-	39,942	-
Total	<u>488,761</u>	<u>477,388</u>	<u>11,373</u>
Debt service:			
Interest	-	11,562	-
Bond service charge/amortization	-	2,162	-
Bond and notes principal payments	-	207,084	-
Total debt service	<u>221,646</u>	<u>220,808</u>	<u>838</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,309,170</u>	<u>2,271,624</u>	<u>37,546</u>

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Water and Sewer Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures
Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer (to)from other funds:			
General fund	-	-	-
Water and sewer capital projects fund	(16,000)	(15,874)	126
Proceeds from installment purchase	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-
Appropriated fund balance	94,621	-	(94,621)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>78,621</u>	<u>(15,874)</u>	<u>(94,495)</u>
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(26,895)</u>	<u>\$ (26,895)</u>

**Reconciliation from budgetary basis
(modified accrual) to full accrual:**

Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(26,895)
Reconciling items:	
Principal retirement	207,084
Capital outlay items capitalized	32,860
Depreciation	(528,990)
Transfers to/from Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund	15,874
Grant and contribution income from Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund	<u>840,360</u>
Total reconciling items	<u>567,188</u>
Net income	<u>540,293</u>

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP)
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Project Authorization	Actual		Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
		Prior Years	Current Year		
Revenues					
SWSRF principal forgiveness loan	\$ 1,940,800	\$ 1,940,800	\$ -	\$ 1,940,800	\$ -
Rural center grant	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	-
CDBG grant	338,575	-	338,575	338,575	-
US EDA grant	318,100	-	159,785	159,785	(158,315)
ARC grant	300,000	-	300,000	300,000	-
Total restricted intergovernmental	<u>3,147,475</u>	<u>2,190,800</u>	<u>798,360</u>	<u>2,989,160</u>	<u>(158,315)</u>
Expenditures					
Plant Filter Rehab					
Assisted living facility	29,918	29,918	-	29,918	-
Environmental report	10,300	10,300	-	10,300	-
Engineering and administration	286,763	284,144	2,619	286,763	-
Construction	2,653,788	2,374,524	279,264	2,653,788	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
Total plant filter rehab	<u>2,980,769</u>	<u>2,698,886</u>	<u>281,883</u>	<u>2,980,769</u>	<u>-</u>
PRC Industries Utilities Improvement					
Engineering and administration	77,300	15,000	33,179	48,179	29,121
Construction	644,005	-	528,740	528,740	115,265
Contingency	50,000	26,071	10,000	36,071	13,929
Total PRC industries utilities improvement	<u>771,305</u>	<u>41,071</u>	<u>571,919</u>	<u>612,990</u>	<u>158,315</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,752,074</u>	<u>2,739,957</u>	<u>853,802</u>	<u>3,593,759</u>	<u>158,315</u>
Revenues over / (under) expenditures	<u>(604,599)</u>	<u>(549,157)</u>	<u>(55,442)</u>	<u>(604,599)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other financing sources					
PRC Industries	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-
Transfer from Water/Sewer fund	27,399	-	15,874	15,874	(11,525)
Mitchell County EDC	42,000	-	42,000	42,000	-
DWSRF zero percent interest loan	485,200	485,200	-	485,200	-
Total other sources	<u>604,599</u>	<u>535,200</u>	<u>57,874</u>	<u>593,074</u>	<u>(11,525)</u>
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,957)</u>	<u>\$ 2,432</u>	<u>\$ (11,525)</u>	<u>\$ (11,525)</u>

Other Schedules

This section contains additional information required on property taxes.

Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
June 30, 2017

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2016	Additions	Collections And Credits	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2017
2016-2017	\$ -	\$ 1,139,259	\$ 1,109,308	\$ 29,951
2015-2016	52,328	-	30,314	22,014
2014-2015	36,498	-	23,828	12,670
2013-2014	10,266	-	3,036	7,230
2012-2013	7,256	-	2,279	4,977
2011-2012	3,918	-	151	3,767
2010-2011	1,845	-	133	1,712
2009-2010	253	-	1	252
2008-2009	295	-	-	295
2007-2008	457	-	163	294
	\$ 113,116	\$ 1,139,259	\$ 1,169,213	83,162
Less: allowance for uncollectible ad valorem taxes receivable				(5,000)
Ad valorem taxes receivable - net				\$ 78,162
Reconciliation with revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes - General Fund				\$ 1,180,829
Releases and refunds				(155)
Amounts written off per statute of limitations				-
Subtotal				1,180,674
Less penalties and interest collected				(11,461)
Total collections and credits				\$ 1,169,213

Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Analysis of Current Tax Levy
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Property Valuation	Rate	Total Levy	Total Levy	
				Property excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxed at current	\$ 222,449,817	0.510%	\$ 1,134,494	\$ 1,054,104	\$ 80,390
Penalties	-		-	-	-
Total	<u>222,449,817</u>		<u>1,134,494</u>	<u>1,054,104</u>	<u>80,390</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	994,565	0.510%	5,072	5,072	-
Prior year taxes	-	0.510%	-	-	-
Penalties	-	0.510%	-	-	-
	<u>994,565</u>		<u>5,072</u>	<u>5,072</u>	<u>-</u>
Abatements	<u>(60,350)</u>	0.510%	<u>(307)</u>	<u>(307)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property valuation	\$ <u><u>223,384,032</u></u>				
Net levy			1,139,259	1,058,869	80,390
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2017			<u>29,951</u>	<u>29,951</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 1,109,308</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,918</u>	<u>\$ 80,390</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>97.37%</u>	<u>97.17%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Spruce Pine, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units and each major fund of the Town of Spruce Pine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Spruce Pine's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2017. The financial statements of the Town of Spruce Pine ABC Board were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Spruce Pine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Spruce Pine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Spruce Pine'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Spruce Pine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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October 28, 2017

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control over Compliance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Council
Town of Spruce Pine, NC

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Spruce Pine, 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 each of the Town of Spruce Pine's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. The Town of Spruce Pine's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town of Spruce Pine's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Spruce Pine's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Spruce Pine's compliance.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Town of Spruce Pine is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town of Spruce Pine's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Spruce Pine's 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 a 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. 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.

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Boone, North Carolina
October 28, 2017

**Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes X no

Significant deficiency(s) _____ yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted _____ yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes X no

Significant deficiency(s) _____ yes X none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for federal programs: Unqualified.

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ yes X no

Identification of major federal programs:

CFDA No.(s)	Names of Federal Program or Cluster
14.228	Community Development Block Grant Program
23.002	Appalachian Regional Commission

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs _____ \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ yes X no

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None Reported

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None Reported

**Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Corrective Action Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Section I. Financial Statement Findings

None Reported

Section II. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None Reported

**Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Prior Year Audit Findings

Finding: **2016-1**
Status: Management has enlisted the assistance of Town Council and implemented procedures to segregate duties to the extent practicable. Management and the Town Council will remain actively involved in monitoring the Town's activities.

Town of Spruce Pine
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Fed. (Direct & Pass-through) Expenditures	State Expenditures	Pass-through to subrecipients
Federal Grants:					
Cash Programs:					
<u>U. S. Department of Economic Development</u>					
Passed-through N.C. Department of Commerce					
Division of Rural Economic Development					
Public Works Program					
	11.300	04-01-07041	\$ 159,785	\$ -	\$ -
<u>U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>					
Passed-through N.C. Department of Commerce					
Division of Rural Economic Development:					
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-					
Entitlement Grants to Hawaii					
	14.228	13-E-2643	338,575	-	-
<u>U. S. Department of Justice</u>					
Passed-through N.C. Department of Public Safety					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program					
	16.738	DJ BX-1052	16,484	-	-
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development</u>					
Passed-through N.C. Department of Commerce					
Appalachian Area Development Program					
	23.002	NC - 18704	300,000	-	-
Total assistance - federal programs					
			<u>814,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
State Grants:					
Cash Assistance:					
<u>N.C. Department of Transportation:</u>					
Powell Bill					
			-	83,812	-
Total assistance - State programs					
			-	<u>83,812</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assistance					
			<u>\$ 814,844</u>	<u>\$ 83,812</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

1. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the Federal and State grant activity of the Town of Spruce Pine under the programs of the Federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2017. 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 Spruce Pine, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Town of Spruce Pine.
2. 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.

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