

Town of Altha, Florida

Financial Statements

September 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida
Altha, Florida

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Town of Altha, Florida as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Altha, Florida's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Proprietary Funds

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Proprietary Funds section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Governmental Activities, Business Type Activities and Proprietary Funds of the Town of Altha, Florida as of September 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on General Fund

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the General Fund of the Town of Altha, Florida, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Altha, Florida, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified and unmodified audit opinion.

Matter Giving Rise to the Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Proprietary Funds

Because of inadequacies in the Town of Altha, Florida's accounting records, we were unable to form an opinion regarding the amounts at which capital assets are recorded in the Garbage Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities. Management has not adopted a methodology for supporting the value of capital assets or recording accumulated depreciation or depreciation expense on capital assets in its Garbage Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, and Governmental Activities or Business-Type Activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense be recorded. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position and expenses of the Garbage Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities has not been determined.

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the Town has not measured and recognized the cost of the future benefits to be provided from its postretirement health insurance plan. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those future liabilities be reported on the Statement of Net Position and in a Schedule of Funding Progress, and the annual costs associated with the plan be recorded on the Statement of Activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the long-term liabilities, net position and expenses of the governmental and business-type activities is not readily determinable.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on page 5.1 through 5.4 and other required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 6, 2025 on our consideration of the Town of Altha, Florida’s, internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Altha, Florida’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grimsley & Associates

Marianna, Florida
January 6, 2025

Grimsley & Associates, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Town of Altha, Florida
Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2023

An overview of the Town of Altha's ("the Town") financial activities in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 is presented below. Please read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements that begin on page 5.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town's basic financial statements are comprised of the following components:

Government-wide financial statements:

Government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial condition. Changes in the Town's financial position may be measured over time by increases and decreases in the Statement of Net Position. Information on how the Town's net position changed during the fiscal year is presented in the Statement of Activities.

Fund financial statements:

Fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements. Fund financial statements include the statements for governmental and proprietary funds.

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. Refer to Note 2 of the financial statements for more detailed information on the elements of the financial statements.

Town of Altha, Florida
Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position:

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At September 30, 2023, the Town's assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,918,924.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 215,864	\$ 513,223	\$ 80,419	\$ 109,514	\$ 296,283	\$ 622,737
Capital assets, net	1,085,476	1,018,562	4,165,471	4,165,471	5,250,947	5,184,033
Total assets	1,301,340	1,531,785	4,245,890	4,274,985	5,547,230	5,806,770
Deferred outflows of resources	68,355	83,327	15,804	19,548	84,159	102,875
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	58,537	277,330	27,545	16,191	86,082	293,521
Other liabilities	192,235	178,970	401,899	407,193	594,134	586,163
Total liabilities	250,772	456,300	429,444	423,384	680,216	879,684
Deferred inflows of resources	25,678	26,614	6,571	6,805	32,249	33,419
Net position						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	1,085,476	1,018,562	3,804,120	3,796,132	4,889,596	4,814,694
Restricted for debt service	-	-	30,633	36,073	30,633	36,073
Unrestricted	7,769	113,636	(9,074)	32,139	(1,305)	145,775
Total net position	\$ 1,093,245	\$ 1,132,198	\$ 3,825,679	\$ 3,864,344	\$ 4,918,924	\$ 4,996,542

Town of Altha, Florida
Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2023

Statement of Activities:

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Activities for the current year:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Program revenues	\$ 46,994	\$ 146,876	\$ 289,918	\$ 243,603	\$ 336,912	\$ 390,479
General revenues	253,454	211,350	96	69	253,550	211,419
Transfers	112,000	79,590	(112,000)	(79,590)	-	-
Total revenues	412,448	437,816	178,014	164,082	590,462	601,898
Function/program expenses	451,401	385,153	216,679	160,564	668,080	545,717
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(38,953)	52,663	(38,665)	3,518	(77,618)	56,181
Net assets - beginning of year	1,132,198	1,079,535	3,864,344	3,860,826	4,996,542	4,940,361
Net assets end of year	\$ 1,093,245	\$ 1,132,198	\$ 3,825,679	\$ 3,864,344	\$ 4,918,924	\$ 4,996,542

For more detailed information, see the accompanying Statement of Activities.

The Town's total revenues decreased by 1% or \$11,436 and total expenses increased by 18% or \$122,363. The overall result was a \$77,618 decrease in net position for fiscal year 2023. The change in revenues and expenses were primarily due to repairs/improvements due to Hurricane Michael, CDBG-Stormwater improvements and FRDAP improvements.

Analysis of Government-wide financial statements:

Approximately ninety percent (96%) of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, improvements, infrastructure, vehicles and equipment) less any outstanding related debt used to acquire those assets. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The Town's balance of unrestricted net position was \$145,775. Governmental activities decreased the Town's net position by \$38,953 while business-type activities decreased the Town's assets by \$38,665. Net position was valued at September 30, 2023 and 2022 at \$4,918,924 and \$4,996,542 respectively.

Town of Altha, Florida
Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2023

General Fund Budgetary Highlights:

There were no differences between the original budget and the final budget of the Town. The Town was within budget.

Long-Term Debt:

September 2009, the Town issued \$436,000 in Water System Revenue Bonds Series 2008, with an interest rate of 4.125%, to finance a portion of the cost of constructing improvements to the water system. In 2019, the Town received a line of credit of \$50,000 to fund the FRDAP project. Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements. Long-term debt was valued at September 30, 2023 and 2022 at \$361,351 and \$369,339 respectively.

Capital Assets

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2023, amounts to \$5,184,033 million (net of accumulated depreciation). Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements. Capital assets were valued at September 30, 2023 and 2022 at \$5,250,947 and \$5,184,033 respectively.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 6 Altha, FL 32421.

Town of Altha, Florida Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2023

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS- TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 187,478	\$ 7,249	\$ 194,727
Restricted cash	-	30,633	30,633
Receivables, net	14,550	42,537	57,087
Due from other governments	13,836	-	13,836
Capital assets, net			
Nondepreciable capital assets	77,000	124,284	201,284
Depreciable capital assets, net	1,008,476	4,041,187	5,049,663
Total assets	1,301,340	4,245,890	5,547,230
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pensions	68,355	15,804	84,159
Total deferred outflows of resources	68,355	15,804	84,159
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	57,478	19,533	77,011
Deferred revenue	1,059	-	1,059
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year			
Bonds and notes payable	-	8,012	8,012
Due in more than one year			
Pension liability	192,235	48,560	240,795
Bonds and notes payable		353,339	353,339
Total liabilities	250,772	429,444	680,216
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pensions	25,678	6,571	32,249
Total deferred inflows of resources	25,678	6,571	32,249
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,085,476	3,804,120	4,889,596
Restricted for Debt service	-	30,633	30,633
Unrestricted	7,769	(9,074)	(1,305)
Total net position	\$ 1,093,245	\$ 3,825,679	\$ 4,918,924

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Town of Altha, Florida Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30, 2023

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		TOTALS
					GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	
Primary Government							
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 314,008	\$ 9,636	\$ 24,858	\$ -	\$ (279,514)	\$ -	\$ (279,514)
Public safety	105,476	12,500	-	-	(92,976)	-	(92,976)
Highways and streets	28,920	-	-	-	(28,920)	-	(28,920)
Culture and recreation	2,997	-	-	-	(2,997)	-	(2,997)
Total governmental activities	451,401	22,136	24,858	-	(404,407)	-	(404,407)
Business Type Activities:							
Garbage	89,994	95,134	-	-	-	5,140	5,140
Water and wastewater	126,685	140,784	-	54,000	-	68,099	68,099
Total business-type activities	216,679	235,918	-	54,000	-	73,239	73,239
Total primary government	\$ 668,080	\$ 258,054	\$ 24,858	\$ 54,000	(404,407)	73,239	(331,168)
General revenues							
Taxes:							
Franchise taxes, public service taxes and shared revenues					241,524	-	241,524
Interest and investment earnings					471	96	567
Miscellaneous					11,459	-	11,459
Transfers					112,000	(112,000)	-
Total general revenues and transfers					365,454	(111,904)	253,550
Change in net position					(38,953)	(38,665)	(77,618)
Net position - beginning					1,132,198	3,864,344	4,996,542
Net position - ending					\$ 1,093,245	\$ 3,825,679	\$ 4,918,924

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Town of Altha, Florida
Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund

September 30, 2023

		GENERAL
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	187,478
Accounts receivable		14,549
Due from other governments		13,836
Total assets	\$	215,863
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	25,882
Accrued expenses		31,597
Deferred revenue		1,059
Total liabilities		58,538
Fund balances		
Unassigned		157,325
Total fund balances		157,325
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	215,863

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

Total fund balances – governmental funds	\$	157,325
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		1,085,476
Long-term liabilities, including pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(192,235)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		42,677
Net position of governmental activities	\$	1,093,243

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Town of Altha, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2023

	GENERAL
Revenues	
Other taxes	\$ 188,369
Intergovernmental	59,459
Licenses and permits	49
Fines and forfeitures	3,332
Grants	24,809
Interest	471
Other fees and miscellaneous	23,959
Total revenues	300,448
Expenditures	
Current	
General government	301,703
Public safety	82,828
Highways and streets	35,902
Culture and recreation	3,667
Capital outlay	
General government	66,913
Total expenditures	491,013
Excess of expenditures over revenues	(190,565)
Other financing sources (uses)	
Transfers in	112,000
Net other financing sources (uses)	112,000
Net change in fund balances	(78,565)
Fund balance - beginning	235,890
Fund balances - ending	\$ 157,325

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Town of Altha, Florida

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund
Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

For the year ended September 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(78,565)
Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in governmental funds, is shown as capital assets in the Statement of Net Assets		66,913
Pension expenses		(27,301)
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(38,953)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Town of Altha, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2023

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET- POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,369	\$ 188,369
Licenses and permits	-	-	49	49
Intergovernmental	-	-	59,459	59,459
Grants	-	-	24,809	24,809
Fines and forfeits	-	-	3,332	3,332
Contributions and miscellaneous revenue	-	-	23,959	23,959
Interest income	-	-	471	471
Total revenues	-	-	300,448	300,448
Expenditures				
General government	-	-	301,703	(301,703)
Public safety	-	-	82,828	(82,828)
Highways and streets	-	-	35,902	(35,902)
Culture and recreation	-	-	3,667	(3,667)
Capital Outlay	-	-	66,913	(66,913)
Total expenditures	-	-	491,013	(491,013)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	(190,565)	(190,565)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	112,000	112,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	112,000	112,000
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(78,565)	(78,565)
Fund balance - beginning	235,890	235,890	235,890	-
Fund balances - ending	\$ 235,890	\$ 235,890	\$ 157,325	\$ (78,565)

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Town of Altha, Florida
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds

September 30, 2023

	GARBAGE	WATER AND WASTEWATER	TOTAL
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,212	\$ 6,037	\$ 7,249
Accounts receivable, net	7,823	34,714	42,537
Due from other funds	124,698	-	124,698
Total current assets	133,733	40,751	174,484
Noncurrent assets			
Restricted assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	30,633	30,633
Capital assets			
Nondepreciable	-	124,284	124,284
Depreciable, net	81,290	3,959,897	4,041,187
Total noncurrent assets	81,290	4,114,814	4,196,104
Total assets	215,023	4,155,565	4,370,588
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pensions	8,479	7,325	15,804
Total deferred outflows of resources	8,479	7,325	15,804
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,292	1,241	19,533
Due to other funds	-	124,698	124,698
Bonds payable - current	-	8,012	8,012
Total current liabilities	18,292	133,951	152,243
Noncurrent liabilities			
Bonds payable	-	353,339	353,339
Pension liability	24,212	24,348	48,560
Total noncurrent liabilities	24,212	377,687	401,899
Total liabilities	42,504	511,638	554,142
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pensions	3,249	3,322	6,571
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,249	3,322	6,571
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	81,290	3,722,830	3,804,120
Restricted for other purposes	-	30,633	30,633
Unrestricted	96,459	(105,533)	(9,074)
Total net position	\$ 177,749	\$ 3,647,930	\$ 3,825,679

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Town of Altha, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2022

	GARBAGE	WATER AND WASTEWATER	TOTAL
Operating revenues			
Water revenues pledged as security for revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ 140,784	\$ 140,784
Charges for services	95,134	-	95,134
Total operating revenues	95,134	140,784	235,918
Operating expenses			
Personal services	5,467	5,467	10,934
Services and supplies	84,511	46,612	131,123
Repairs and maintenance	-	3,239	3,239
Other operating expenses	16	56,581	56,597
Total operating expenses	89,994	111,899	201,893
Net operating income	5,140	28,885	34,025
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest income	12	84	96
Interest expense	-	(14,786)	(14,786)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	12	(14,702)	(14,690)
Income before contributions and transfers	5,152	14,183	19,335
Capital contributions	-	54,000	54,000
Transfers in / (out), net	-	(112,000)	(112,000)
Change in net position	5,152	(43,817)	(38,665)
Total net position - beginning	172,597	3,691,747	3,864,344
Total net position - ending	\$ 177,749	\$ 3,647,930	\$ 3,825,679

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Town of Altha, Florida
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2023

	GARBAGE	WATER AND WASTEWATER	TOTAL
Operating activities			
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 93,632	\$ 110,316	\$ 203,948
Payments to suppliers	(72,051)	(108,175)	(180,226)
Payments to employees	(2,054)	(2,054)	(4,108)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19,527	87	19,614
Noncapital financing activities			
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds	(29,232)	(82,768)	(112,000)
Capital and related financing activities			
Capital contributions	-	54,000	54,000
Principal payments on capital debt	-	(7,988)	(7,988)
Interest payments on capital debt	-	(14,786)	(14,786)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	-	31,226	31,226
Investing Activities			
Interest and dividends	12	83	95
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(9,693)	(51,372)	(61,065)
Cash - beginning of the year	10,905	88,042	98,947
Cash - end of the year	\$ 1,212	\$ 36,670	\$ 37,882
Reconciliation of net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities			
Net operating income	\$ 5,140	\$ 28,885	\$ 34,025
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Pension expense	4,097	4,097	8,194
Deferred outflows - Contributions after the measurement date	(685)	(685)	(1,370)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(1,502)	(30,468)	(31,970)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	12,477	(1,742)	10,735
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 19,527	\$ 87	\$ 19,614

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Altha conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more specific policies:

A. Reporting Entity

Town of Altha, Florida (the "Town") is a municipal corporation formed under Chapter 27385, Laws of Florida, Act of 1951, and is governed by an appointed mayor and a five member council. The accompanying financial statements present the government only since there are no component units for which the government is considered to be financially accountable.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. The financial statements of the Town include the funds and account groups required to account for those financial activities which are related to the Town and are controlled by or dependent upon the Town's legislative body. Control or dependence upon the Town was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority and outstanding debt secured by revenues or general obligation of the Town, and the Town's legal responsibility to fund any deficits that may occur.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. Both sets of statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Government-wide financial statements comprised of the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues are classified into three categories: charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Charges for services refer to direct recovery from customers for services rendered. Grants and contributions refer to revenues restricted for specific programs whose use may be restricted further to operational or capital items. The general revenues section displays revenue collected that helps support all functions of government and contributes to the change in the net position for the fiscal year.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The fund financial statements follow and report additional and detailed information about operations for major funds individually and non-major funds in the aggregate for governmental funds. A reconciliation is provided that converts the results of governmental fund accounting to the government-wide presentations.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period, considered to be sixty days. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The following is reported as a major governmental fund:

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

The following are reported as major proprietary funds:

Water and Wastewater Fund – Accounts for the activities of the Town’s water distribution and wastewater operations.

Garbage Fund – Accounts for the activities of the Town’s garbage collection operations.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Town's enterprise funds are proprietary funds. In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds are presented using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. 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 Proprietary Funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the Proprietary 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.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Town has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

D. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and Cash Equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government. Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost.

E. Prepaid Items

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. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

F. Compensated Absences

Annual leave is earned at five days annually for employees with one to five years of service, ten days annually for employees with five to ten years of service, and fifteen days for employees with fifteen or more years of service. Annual leave must be used in the year it is earned. When employment is terminated, all accumulated annual leave is lost. Sick leave is earned at the rate of eight hours for each month of service. An employee may accumulate sick leave without limitation, however, at separation from employment for whatever reason, no sick leave will be paid.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues reported in the government-wide financial statements represent unearned revenues. The deferred revenues will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are earned in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenues reported in governmental fund financial statements represent unearned revenues or revenues which are measurable but not available, and in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, are reported as deferred revenues.

H. Restricted Assets

Restricted Assets consist of cash which is required by resolution to be set aside for specific purposes and is therefore unavailable for general operating purposes.

I. Proprietary Fund Policies

Pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, the Town of Altha has elected not to apply the provisions of pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued after November 30, 1989 to the Town's proprietary funds.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, right of ways, storm water system, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activity columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Property, plant, and equipment with initial, individual costs that exceed \$1,000 and estimated useful lives of over one year are recorded as capital assets. Roads, bridges, and sidewalks are capitalized when their initial costs exceed \$25,000 and possess estimated useful lives of more than one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires the Town to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective October 1, 2003. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure is not required by the Town. These infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset class of the Town. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	30 – 50 years
Electrical, sewer, water and wastewater system	30 – 50 years
Equipment	5 – 10 years
Infrastructure	50 years

K. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

L. Accounts Receivable

Customer accounts receivables are recorded at their net realizable value.

M. Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund-Type Definitions

The Town adopted GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Type Definitions (GASB Statement No. 54) effective October 1, 2010. This GASB Statement clarifies governmental fund balance classifications and fund-type definitions. Fund balances are classified either as non-spendable or spendable. See Note 16.

N. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the Independent Auditors' Report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

O. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan and the Retirees' Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program and additions to/deductions from FRS's and HIS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by FRS and HIS. The financial statements for FRS and HIS are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Contributions are recognized as revenues when due, pursuant to the statutory and contractual requirements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that future time.

Q. Deferred Inflows of Resources

A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

R. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements New Accounting Standards Adopted

Recently Issued But Not Yet Effective

GASB has issued the following pronouncements that may affect future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or financial presentation of the City upon implementation. Management has not yet evaluated the effect of implementation of these standards.

<u>Statement No.</u>	<u>GASB Accounting Standard</u>	<u>GASB Effective Fiscal Year</u>
94	<i>Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements</i>	2024
96	<i>Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements</i>	2024
100	Accounting Changes and Error Corrections	2024
101	Compensated Absences	2025
102	Certain Risk Disclosures	2025
103	Financial Reporting Model Improvement	2026
104	Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets	2026

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

General governmental revenue and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. Budgets are monitored at varying levels of classification detail; however, expenditures cannot legally exceed total appropriations at the individual fund level. All budget changes that affect the total of a fund's budget must be approved by the Town Council.

The budgetary information presented for the general fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis. Encumbrances are not recorded. Unexpended items at year-end must be reappropriated in the subsequent year.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES

Under Florida Law, the assessment of all properties and the collection of all county, municipal, and school board property taxes are consolidated in the offices of the County Property Appraiser and County Tax Collector. The laws of the State regulating tax assessment are also designed to assure a consistent property valuation method statewide. State statutes permit municipalities to levy property taxes at a rate of up to 10 mills.

All property is assessed according to its fair market value on January 1 of each year. Each assessment roll is submitted to the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue for review to determine if the rolls meet all of the appropriate requirements.

The current year taxes for the fiscal year, beginning October 1, are billed in the month of November and are due no later than March 31. On April 1, all unpaid amounts become delinquent and are subject to interest and penalties. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in the month of November, 3% in the month of December, 2% in the month of January, and 1% in the month of February.

The taxes paid in March are without discount

Delinquent taxes on real property bear interest at 18% per year. On or prior to June 1 following the tax year, certificates are sold for all delinquent taxes on real property. After sale, tax certificates bear interest at 18% per year or at any lower rate bid by the buyer. Application for a tax deed on any unredeemed tax certificates may be made by the certificate holder after a period of two years.

Delinquent taxes on personal property bear interest at 18% per year until the tax is satisfied either by seizure and sale of property or by the five year statute of limitations.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Since the Calhoun County Tax Collector's Office acts quickly in selling tax certificates and in remitting such collections to the Town, no delinquent nor uncollected property taxes exist at year end. The Town Tax Calendar is as follows:

Valuation Date:	January 1
Levy Date:	November 1
Due Date:	March 31, Succeeding Year
Lien Date:	April 1, Succeeding Year

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$225,360 and the bank balance was \$233,226. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance and, for the amount in excess of such federal depository insurance, by the State of Florida's Public Deposit Act. Provisions of the Act require that public deposits may only be made at qualified public depositories. The Act requires each qualified public depository to deposit with the State Treasurer eligible collateral equal to or in excess of the required collateral as determined by the provisions of the Act assessed additional amounts, they are assessed on a pro-rata basis.

In the event of a failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of securities pledged by the defaulting depository are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default. When other qualified public depositories are assessed additional amounts, they are assessed on a pro-rata basis.

Florida Statutes authorize the Town to invest in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. In addition, the statutes allow the Town to invest in bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States Government, certain bonds of any state or local government unit, and bonds issued by certain government agencies.

Credit Risk

The Town is not exposed to credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Investments held by the Town all have maturity dates of five years or less.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits (in excess of FDIC insurance) may not be returned. As of September 30, 2023, the Town was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town is not exposed to concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

September 30, 2023	GENERAL		WATER/ GARBAGE	
Trade accounts	\$	14,550	\$	50,016
Less allowance for doubtful accounts		-		(7,479)
Receivables, net	\$	14,550	\$	42,537

Receivables arise primarily from utility services (water and garbage) provided by the Town of Altha, Florida. The Town grants credit to customers, substantially all of whom are local residents.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors or omissions; injuries to employees and/or the public; or damage to property of others; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. Insurance against losses is provided for the following types of risk:

- Workers’ compensation and employer’s liability
- General and automobile liability
- Real and personal property damage
- Public officials’ liability
- Accidental death and dismemberment

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NOTE 7 - GRANTS

The Town participates in several state and federal grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for, or including, the year ended September 30, 2023, have not yet been accepted/approved by the grantors. Accordingly, the final determination of the Town's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at a future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by granting agencies cannot be determined, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 8 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments consists of funds earned as of September 30, 2023, but not yet received by the Town. The majority of these amounts were received in October and November 2023.

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

Governmental activities:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
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Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 77,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,000
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Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	78,687	-	-	78,687
Improvements other than buildings	389,993	-	-	389,993
Equipment	472,882	66,914	-	539,796
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Total capital assets, being depreciated	941,562	66,914	-	1,008,476
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Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,018,562	\$ 66,914	\$ -	\$ 1,085,476
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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Business-type activities:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 124,284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,284
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	124,284	-	-	124,284
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Water System	3,965,279	-	-	3,965,279
Equipment	83,132	-	-	1,842
Total capital assets, being depreciated	4,048,411	-	-	4,048,411
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Water System	7,224	-	-	7,224
Total accumulated depreciation	7,224	-	-	7,224
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	4,041,187	-	-	4,041,187
Water/Garbage capital assets, net	\$ 4,165,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,165,471

Depreciation expense was not charged out by function as the Town does not have adequate fixed asset records to properly calculate depreciation. See finding 2013-010.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Business-type activities

Revenue Bonds Payable

Water revenue bonds – 2008 Series

Authorized and issued \$436,000, interest at 4.125%, principal and interest payable annually on September 1, with principal payments beginning in 2012, collateralized by net revenues of the system.

Bonds were sold to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural

Development. \$ 361,351

Total business-type activities \$ 361,351

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	ENDING BALANCE	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
Business-type activities:					
Bond payable	\$ 376,437	\$ -	\$ 7,098	\$ 361,351	\$ 8,012
Total Business-type activities	\$ 376,437	\$ -	\$ 7,098	\$ 361,351	\$ 8,012

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Debt service requirements on business type activities long-term debt at September 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year ending September 30,	Bond Payable	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 8,012	\$ 14,906
2025	8,342	14,575
2026	8,687	14,231
2027	9,045	13,873
2028	9,418	13,500
2029-2033	53,248	61,340
2034-2038	65,174	49,414
2039-2043	79,772	34,816
2044-2048	97,640	16,949
2049	22,013	908
Totals	\$ 361,351	\$ 234,512

NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY

Defined Benefit Plans

The Town participates in two defined benefit pension plans that are administered by the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement. The plans provide retirement, disability or death benefits to retirees or their designated beneficiaries. Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, establishes the authority for benefit provisions. Changes to the law can only occur through an act of the Florida Legislature. The State of Florida issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plans. That report is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' website (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer qualified defined benefit pension plan with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) available for eligible employees. The FRS was established and is administered in accordance with Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. The Florida Legislature establishes and amends the contribution requirements and benefit terms of the FRS Pension Plan. Retirees receive a lifetime pension benefit with joint and survivor payment options. FRS membership is compulsory for employees filling regularly established positions in a state agency, county agency, state university, state community college, or district school board, unless restricted from FRS membership under sections 121.053 and 121.122, Florida Statutes, or allowed to participate in a non-integrated defined contribution plan in lieu of FRS membership. Participation by cities, municipalities, special districts, charter school and metropolitan planning organization is optional.

NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)

The Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program is a non-qualified, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Florida Legislature establishes and amends the contribution requirements and benefit terms of the HIS Program. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist eligible retirees and surviving beneficiaries of the state-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs. Per Chapter 2023-193, Laws of Florida, the level of monthly benefits increased from \$5 times years of service to \$7.50, with an increased minimum of \$45 and maximum of \$225. This change applies to all years of service for both members currently in pay and members not yet in pay. To be eligible to receive a HIS benefit, a retiree under one of the state-administered retirement systems must provide proof of eligible health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Benefits Provided

Benefits under the FRS Pension Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement plan and/or class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned.

Contributions

The contribution requirements of plan members and the employer are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. Employees are required to contribute 3.00% of their salary to the FRS. The employer's contribution rates as of September 30, 2023, were as follows:

	FRS	HIS
Florida Retirement System:		
Regular	11.57%	2.00%
Senior Management Service Class	32.52%	2.00%
Special Risk	30.67%	2.00%
DROP	19.13%	2.00%

The employer's contributions for the year ended September 30, 2023, were \$23,250 to the FRS and \$2,216 to the HIS.

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NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

In its financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2023, the Town reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2023. The Town's proportions of the net pension liabilities were based on the Town's share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined.

	FRS	HIS
Net Pension Liability at June 30, 2023	\$ 187,269	\$ 53,526
Proportion at:		
Current measurement date	0.00046997	0.00033704
Prior measurement date	0.00049830	0.00036639
Pension expense (benefit)	\$ 38,831	\$ 20,761

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Description	FRS		HIS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 17,583	\$ -	\$ 784	\$ (126)
Changes of assumptions	12,208	-	1,407	(4,638)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	7,821	-	28	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	20,974	(15,632)	16,510	(11,853)
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,292	-	552	-
Total	\$ 64,878	\$ (15,632)	\$ 19,281	\$ (16,617)

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NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources related to employer contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the employer’s fiscal year end will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the reporting period ending September 30, 2023. Other pension-related amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<i>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</i>	FRS	HIS
2024	\$ 3,573	\$ 430
2025	(625)	(214)
2026	28,757	856
2027	3,585	1,237
2028	141	(13)
Thereafter	-	(183)
Total	\$ 35,431	\$ 2,113

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans, measured as of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability for the FRS Pension Plan was determined by an actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2021. For the HIS Program, the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2021, rolled-forward using standard actuarial procedures. The individual entry age normal actuarial cost method was used for each plan, along with the following significant actuarial assumptions:

	FRS	HIS
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25%	3.25%
Investment rate of return	6.70%	3.54%
Discount rate	6.70%	3.54%

Mortality assumptions for both plans were based on the PUB-2010 base table.

For both plans, the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation dated July 1, 2023 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

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NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)

The following changes in key actuarial assumptions occurred in 2023:

HIS: The discount rate was modified to reflect the change in the value of the municipal bond index between GASB measurement dates.

HIS: Chapter 2023-193, Laws of Florida (Senate Bill 7024), increased the level of monthly benefits from \$5 times years of service to \$7.50, with an increased minimum of \$45 and maximum of \$225. This change applies to all years of service for both members currently receiving benefits and members not yet receiving benefits.

The long-term expected rate of return assumption of 6.70% consists of two building block components: 1) an inferred real (in excess of inflation) return of 4.20%, which is consistent with the 4.48% real return from the capital market outlook model developed by the FRS consulting actuary, Milliman; and 2) a long-term average annual inflation assumption of 2.40% as adopted in October 2023 by the FRS Actuarial Assumption Conference. In the opinion of the FRS consulting actuary both components and the overall 6.70% return assumption were determined to be reasonable and appropriate per Actuarial Standards of Practice. The 6.70% reported investment return assumption is the same as the investment return assumption chose by the 2022 FRS Actuarial Assumption Conference for funding policy purposes.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed Income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real Estate	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private Equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic Investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Assumed Inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.4%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the FRS Pension Plan was 6.70%. FRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Because the HIS Program is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, a municipal bond rate of 3.54% was used to determine the total pension liability for the program. The Bond Buyer General Obligation Bond 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was used as the applicable municipal bond index.

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NOTE 11 - STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (Continued)

Sensitivity Analysis

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The sensitivity analysis shows the impact to the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability if the discount rate was 1.00% higher or 1.00% lower than the current discount rate.

	FRS Net Pension Liability		
	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(5.70%)	(6.70%)	(7.70%)
Governmental Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 255,915	\$ 149,815	\$ 61,050
Business-Type Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 63,979	\$ 37,454	\$ 15,263

	HIS Net Pension Liability		
	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(2.65%)	(3.65%)	(4.65%)
Governmental Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 48,852	\$ 42,821	\$ 37,822
Business-Type Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 12,213	\$ 10,705	\$ 9,455

Pension Plans' Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the State's separately issued financial reports.

Defined Contribution Plan

Pursuant to Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Retirement Investment Plan ("FRS Investment Plan"), a defined contribution pension plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The FRS Investment Plan is an alternative available to members of the Florida Retirement System in lieu of the defined benefit plan. There is a uniform contribution rate covering both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans, depending on membership class. There were no employees enrolled in FRS Investment Plan for the year ended September 30, 2023.

NOTE 12 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In accordance with Section 112.0801 of the Florida Statutes, the Town provides postretirement health insurance to employees who retire from the Town and wish to remain on the Town's health plan. The retired employees reimburse the Town for the actual premium cost, including the portion that previously would have been paid by the County during employment. Expenses for postretirement health care benefits are recognized as paid and there is no advance funding on the part of the Town.

GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension Plans, become effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2009 for Phase III governments, which the Town is considered. This new guideline is required for all governmental employers who provide other postemployment benefits for which the employer pays all or a part of the cost of the benefits, such as the postretirement health care plan discussed above. GASB Statement No. 45 improves financial reporting and disclosure by matching the cost of postemployment benefits with the periods when the related services are received by the employer, by providing information about accrued liabilities for promised benefits related to past services and the extent those liabilities have been funded and by providing valuable information about demands on future employer cash flows.

The Town did not implement GASB Statement No. 45 or obtain the actuarial report necessary to determine the amounts to report in the accompanying financial statements. The potential liability has not been reflected in the accompanying Statement of Net Position and the annual costs associated with the plan have also not been reflected in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

NOTE 13 - FUND EQUITY

Governmental Funds

Spendable fund balances are classified based on a hierarchy of the Town's ability to control the spending of these fund balances and are reported in the following categories: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. For the year ending September 30, 2023, the Town reports net assets as restricted, assigned and unassigned. Restricted net assets have externally imposed constraints placed on the use of resources by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Assigned net assets have constraints placed on the use of resources by the Town's intent to use the resources for a specific purpose. Unassigned fund balances have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. In circumstances when an expenditure is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is generally depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

NOTE 13- FUND EQUITY (Continued)

Enterprise Funds

Reservations of equity show amounts that are not appropriated for expenditure or are legally restricted for specific uses. The purpose for each is indicated as follows:

Water and wastewater fund	Debt service	\$	30,633
Total restricted fund equity		\$	30,633

NOTE 14 - LITIGATION AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation. The Town is involved in litigation arising from the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, these matters will be resolved without a material adverse effect on the Town’s financial statements.

Intergovernmental Grants. Amounts received or receivable from grantors are subject to audit and adjustments by the grantor agencies, principally federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the City expects such amounts to be immaterial.

Town of Altha, Florida
Schedule of Proportional Share of Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System (Last 10 fiscal years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.000470%	0.000498%	0.000389%	0.000379%	0.000593%	0.000527%	0.000495%	0.000485%	0.000438%	0.000434%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 187,269	\$ 185,407	\$ 29,404	\$ 164,131	\$ 153,550	\$ 158,855	\$ 146,275	\$ 122,415	\$ 56,571	\$ 26,467
Town's covered - employee payroll	\$ 153,896	\$ 145,727	\$ 92,332	\$ 92,629	\$ 113,506	\$ 126,034	\$ 114,105	\$ 110,779	\$ 109,628	\$ 100,430
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its own covered - employee payroll	121.69%	127.23%	31.85%	177.19%	135.28%	126.04%	128.19%	110.50%	51.60%	26.35%
FRS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

Note to Schedules:

The amounts presented for each fiscal year for the FRS and HIS were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30th of the current fiscal year.

See Independent Auditors' Report

Town of Altha, Florida
Schedule of Contributions
Florida Retirement System (Last 10 fiscal years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contributions	\$ 22,609	\$ 21,263	\$ 14,829	\$ 12,582	\$ 13,825	\$ 15,030	\$ 12,874	\$ 11,823	\$ 10,678	\$ 9,502
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(22,609)	(21,263)	(14,829)	(12,582)	(13,825)	(15,030)	(12,874)	(11,823)	(10,675)	(9,502)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 153,896	\$ 145,727	\$ 92,332	\$ 92,629	\$ 113,506	\$ 126,034	\$ 114,105	\$ 110,779	\$ 109,628	\$ 100,430
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.69%	14.59%	16.06%	13.58%	12.18%	11.93%	11.28%	10.67%	9.74%	9.46%

Note to Schedules:

The amounts presented for each fiscal year for the FRS and HIS were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30th of the current fiscal year.

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Town of Altha, Florida
Schedule of Proportional Share of Net Pension Liability
Health Insurance Subsidy (Last 10 fiscal years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.000337%	0.000366%	0.000230%	0.000154%	0.000455%	0.000313%	0.000310%	0.000324%	0.000340%	0.000345%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 53,526	\$ 38,807	\$ 28,169	\$ 18,826	\$ 28,877	\$ 33,174	\$ 33,174	\$ 37,804	\$ 34,642	\$ 32,266
Town's covered - employee payroll	\$ 153,896	\$ 145,727	\$ 92,332	\$ 92,629	\$ 113,506	\$ 126,034	\$ 114,105	\$ 110,779	\$ 109,628	\$ 100,430
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its own covered - employee payroll	34.78%	26.63%	30.51%	20.32%	25.44%	26.32%	29.07%	34.13%	31.60%	32.13%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

Note to Schedules:

The amounts presented for each fiscal year for the FRS and HIS were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30th of the current fiscal year.

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Town of Altha, Florida
Schedule of Contributions
Health Insurance Subsidy (Last 10 fiscal years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contributions	\$ 2,217	\$ 2,217	\$ 1,350	\$ 879	\$ 1,433	\$ 2,085	\$ 1,642	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,182
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,217)	(2,217)	(1,350)	(879)	(1,433)	(2,085)	(1,642)	(1,663)	(1,298)	(1,182)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 153,896	\$ 145,727	\$ 92,332	\$ 92,629	\$ 113,506	\$ 114,105	\$ 114,105	\$ 110,779	\$ 109,628	\$ 100,430
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.44%	1.52%	1.46%	0.95%	1.26%	1.83%	1.44%	1.50%	1.18%	1.18%

Note to Schedules:

The amounts presented for each fiscal year for the FRS and HIS were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30th of the current fiscal year.

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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*

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Altha, Florida, (the "Town") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Altha, Florida's, basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2025.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below as items 2021-01, 2014-001, 2013-002, and 2013-010 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, 2022-01 - RESOLVED

CRITERIA: Florida law states that all eligible employees contribute 3% of their pretax salary, beginning with their first paycheck, into the Florida Retirement System regardless of which plan they choose.

CONDITION: The Town did not withhold the mandatory 3% retirement contributions on all eligible employees or was unable to provide valid reason for exemption.

CAUSE: The Town is not adhering to the Division of Retirement rules for withholding contributions on eligible employees.

EFFECT: The Town is covering the employees mandatory contribution by default.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the Town withhold the proper contribution from all eligible employees.

RESPONSE: See "Management Response."

PROPER FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING MANAGEMENT, 2022-02 – NOT RESOLVED

CRITERIA: Proper financial and account management requires a system of internal controls sufficient in design and operation to reduce to a relatively low level the risk of errors and irregularities in the control of assets, and that financial statement misstatements caused by errors or fraud in material amounts be detected in a timely period.

CONDITION: The Town accounting staff lacked formal training and experience for accurate and timely recording and reporting of financial transactions. We noted Town bills and deposits were always processed in a timely manner. Supporting documentation for payroll and retirement was not always properly retained for a complete post audit procedures. The Town's budget was not prepared for 22-23, thereby resulting in a lack of budget to actual numbers. The Town's financial accounting system is not up to date with the Florida Uniform Accounting System thereby making the financial statements hard to follow.

CAUSE: The Town lacks proper financial and accounting controls to ascertain monthly and year-end financial statements are properly closed and day-to-day business transactions are properly accounted for.

EFFECT: The possibility exists that errors, unintentional or intentional, could occur and not be detected in a timely manner. The Town was not in compliance with statutory requirements related to their budget.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

PROPER FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING MANAGEMENT, 2022-02, continued

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the Town Council stay apprised of the status of the financial accounting and control systems. We also recommend accounting staff have proper training and oversight to ascertain accounting records are complete and accurate. Town bills and deposits should be handled in a timely fashion and financial transactions posted accordingly. Annual budgets should be prepared, amended if necessary and approved by the Town Council. Monthly budget to actual statements should be prepared for review by the Town Council. We understand the Town has contracted with an outside Certified Public Accountant to assist in bookkeeping services but these services do not address the current day to day operations.

RESPONSE: See "Management Response."

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, 2021-01 - RESOLVED

CRITERIA: Retirement contributions should be made for all eligible Town employees to the Florida Division of Retirement.

CONDITION: The Town did not make retirement contributions on all eligible employees or was unable to provide valid reason for exemption.

CAUSE: The Town is not adhering to the Division of Retirement rules for payment of retirement on eligible employees.

EFFECT: The possibility exist that eligible employees are not covered by retirement and the Town be responsible for back payments.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the Town ascertain if all eligible employees are covered by retirement and all retirement related expenditures be made timely.

RESPONSE: See "Management Response."

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES, FINDING 2013-002 – NOT RESOLVED

CRITERIA: The internal control environment should include proper segregation of duties and responsibilities over accounting functions.

CONDITION: As noted in the prior year, separation of certain accounting and administrative duties among employees, which is recommended as an effective internal control procedure, was not adequate. Internal controls are designed to safeguard assets and help prevent or detect losses from employee dishonesty or error. A fundamental concept in a good system of internal control is the segregation of duties. The basic premise is that one employee should not have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

CAUSE: The Town has limited personnel in the accounting department.

EFFECT: The possibility exists that unintentional or intentional errors or irregularities could occur and not be promptly detected.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommended that the Town continue to seek ways to strengthen internal control through segregation of duties. A responsible official should review all checks and related source documents before signing checks. All disbursements should be supported by detailed invoices and should be approved by an appropriate member of management prior to payment. In addition, the Town should maintain a Council approved vendor list. All employees should complete timesheets, supporting the time worked and leave taken by employees. The timesheets should be signed by the employee and approved by an appropriate supervisor. Journal entries should include adequate supporting documentation and should be approved by an employee other than the one who prepared the entry. A designated member of the Town Council should approve and sign off on any waivers of utility account suspension for failure to pay by the cutoff date. Cash collections from customers should be supported by completed cash receipt forms and the customer should be provided with a copy of the cash receipt.

RESPONSE: See "Management Response."

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, 2014-001 – NOT RESOLVED

CRITERIA: Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Town to measure and recognize the cost of future benefits to be provided from its postretirement health insurance plan.

CONDITION: It was noted that the Town did not implement GASB Statement 45 to measure and recognize the cost of future benefits provided from its postretirement health insurance plan.

CAUSE: The Town did not obtain the actuarial report necessary to determine the amounts to report in the financial statements.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, 2014-001 – NOT RESOLVED, continued

EFFECT: The failure to measure and recognize the cost of future benefits to be provided from its postretirement health insurance plan results in a departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that an actuarial study and all other items necessary to implement GASB Statement 45 be performed and resulting costs be properly recorded.

RESPONSE: See “Management Response.”

PROPERTY RECORDS AND INVENTORY OF PROPERTY 2013-010 – NOT RESOLVED

CRITERIA: Property records and inventory of property must be in compliance with the State of Florida Administrative Code.

CONDITION: The Town did not maintain detailed records for property plant and equipment. The Town has not complied with Rule 69I-73.003, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Financial Services, which require governmental units to maintain adequate records of property in their custody. The Town has not complied with Rule 69I-73.004, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Financial Services, which require governmental units to mark each property item with an identification number assigned to that item to establish its identity and ownership by the governmental unit holding title to the item. The Town has not complied with Rule 69I-73.006, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Financial Services, which require each governmental unit to ensure a complete physical inventory of all property is taken annually and whenever there is a change of custodian or change of custodian’s delegate.

CAUSE: The Florida Administrative Code is not always followed by Town personnel regarding property, plant and equipment.

EFFECT: Not maintaining adequate property records and inventory of property could result in unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Town's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that the Town maintain adequate records of property in their custody that meets the requirements with Rule 69I-73.003, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Financial Services. The Town must also record depreciation to meet the local government’s financial reporting requirements related to depreciation accounting. We also recommend the Town complete a physical inventory of all property annually and record it on a form that meets the minimum requirements with Rule 69I-73.006, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Department of Financial Services.

RESPONSE: See “Management Response.”

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described above as finding 2013-010.

Town's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Grimsley & Associates

Marianna, Florida
January 6, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Altha, Florida (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on the examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated January 6, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report except as noted under the heading Prior Year Findings and Recommendations.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FRAUD PREVENTION SERVICES, 2013-011 – RESOLVED

COMMENT: The Town has not developed policies for communicating and reporting known or suspected fraud. Such policies should clearly identify actions constituting fraud, incident reporting procedures, responsibility for fraud investigation, and consequences for fraudulent behavior. Fraud policies are necessary to educate employees about proper conduct, create an environment that deters dishonesty, and maintains internal controls that provide reasonable assurance of achieving management objectives and detecting dishonest acts. In addition, such policies serve to establish the responsibilities for investigating potential incidents of fraud, taking appropriate action, reporting evidence of such action to the appropriate authorities, and to avoid damaging the reputations of persons suspected of fraud but subsequently found innocent. Further, in the absence of such policies, the risk increases that a known or suspected fraud may be identified but not reported to the appropriate authority.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that the Town develop policies for communicating known or suspected fraud to the appropriate parties.

STATUS: This continues to exist.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Town was established in 1951 by Chapter 51-27576, Laws of Florida.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we apply appropriate procedures and report the results of our determination as to whether or not the Town has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Town did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Town's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. See the related recommendations as listed in this report.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statement that is less than material, but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and the Town of Altha, Florida and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Marianna, Florida
January 6, 2025

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, *LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES*

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Altha, Florida

We have examined the Town of Altha, Florida's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the Town of Altha, Florida's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town of Altha, Florida's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Altha, Florida, complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Town of Altha, Florida, complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Town of Altha, Florida's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Altha, Florida complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

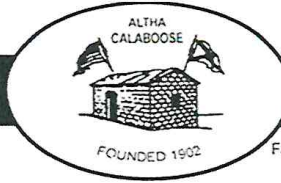
This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Marianna, Florida
January 6, 2025

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Proper Financial and Accounting Management 2022-02 The Town Clerk is responsible for processing invoices, collections, and payments, and providing information to a CPA for compiling accounting records. QuickBooks accounting software is utilized, and information is forwarded to the CPA. Financial information is provided to the Town Council for decision-making.

Accounts Receivables: The Town uses MuniBilling to generate utility invoices for Town customers. Water meters are read, and invoices are mailed by the 20th of each month, with collections due by the 20th of the following month. Late fees are invoiced, and cut-off warnings are issued on the last day of the month. Payments are processed and entered into the computer on the same day they are received. Receipts are printed for customers, and a daily report of payments received is generated, printed, and attached to the payment receipts. A deposit slip is created, placed into a locking money bag, and the receipt is attached to the deposit package and filed by date.

Accounts Payables: Authorized vendors submit invoices, which are verified for validity, authorized, and checked to ensure the Town received the goods or services. The Town uses a Purchase Order System for miscellaneous purchases by Town staff. Checks are prepared by the clerk and signed by two members of the Council based on need and urgency.

Payroll: Timesheets are completed to record hours worked.

Segregation of Duties 2013-002: The Town Clerk enters information and prepares checks. Two signatures are required by the Board. Final accounting is provided by an outside CPA by contract, who provides financial reports to the Town Council.

Other Post Employment Benefits 2014-001: It is not feasible for the Town to perform this calculation.

Property Records 2013-01 O: Little progress has been made in this area. However, the Town has identified all major assets to ensure they are listed on the Town's Property Insurance. A more thorough inventory will be conducted to further identify all Town assets, especially those items eligible for depreciation expense following generally accepted accounting principles.

General Statement: Due to a high turnover of clerks (seven since 2018), this position has suffered. The lack of training and information makes it difficult for clerks to be effective in their roles. Clerks have not been provided with the necessary information to make appropriate decisions and are left to determine what needs to be done. This situation has resulted in many tasks not being completed in a timely manner. I have been informed that there was a budget for 22/23, but I have not been able to locate it on the computers or as a physical copy. I have also been informed that an equipment inventory was completed and given to the previous clerk, but I cannot find it.

Fraud Prevention Services, 2013-01: The town enacted an AFWA policy in September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dustin Graham'.

Dustin Graham
Town Clerk