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Forest, Louisiana

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As of and for the Year Ended
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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities and major fund of the Village of Forest as of December 31, 2018, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Village of Forest's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Forest's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities and major fund information of the Village of Forest as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 10 and the budgetary comparison information on pages 33 through 34 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Forest's office basic financial statements. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining schedule of changes in unsettled deposits is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head on page 41 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated April 3, 2019, on my consideration of the Village of Forest's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village of Forest's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, I have issued a report, dated April 3, 2019, on the results of my statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.



West Monroe, Louisiana
April 3, 2019

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I**

VILLAGE OF FOREST
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Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2018

As management of the Village of Forest, we offer readers of the Village of Forest's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Village of Forest for the year ended December 31, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the Village's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-wide Financial Statements) provide information about the financial activities as a whole and illustrate a longer-term view of the Village's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Our auditor has provided assurance in her independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Financial Section.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Village of Forest's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Village of Forest's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village of Forest is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village of Forest, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Village of Forest can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Village of Forest adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Village uses its enterprise fund to account for its water utility operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary funds financial statements provide separate information for the enterprise fund, which is considered to be a major fund of the Village.

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.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the Village of Forest's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the Village of Forest exceeded liabilities by \$1,174,338. Approximately 87% of the Village of Forest's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending.

The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the Village of Forest to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation on assets being included in the statement of net position.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$237,332	\$223,151
Receivables	<u>15,332</u>	<u>16,066</u>
Total current assets	252,664	239,217
Restricted assets - cash and cash equivalents	54,285	55,628
Capital assets - not depreciated	27,500	27,500
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>1,761,551</u>	<u>1,782,071</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,096,000</u>	<u>\$2,104,416</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$1,937	\$5,624
Salaries payable	2,689	
Customer meter deposits	37,145	35,905
Payable from restricted assets - accrued interest	<u>3,041</u>	<u>3,089</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>44,812</u>	<u>44,618</u>
Long term liabilities:		
Due in one year	13,483	12,891
Due in more than one year	<u>797,427</u>	<u>810,906</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>810,910</u>	<u>823,797</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>855,722</u>	<u>868,415</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	154,828	163,505
Contributed capital (net of accumulated depreciation on fixed assets acquired with federal grant)	65,940	71,435
Restricted	59,223	60,444
Unrestricted	<u>960,287</u>	<u>940,617</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$1,174,338</u>	<u>\$1,164,566</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Primary Government:		
Governmental Activities:		
Personal services	\$2,771	\$2,771
Operating services	12,913	15,622
Materials and supplies	1,200	1,193
Public safety	2,751	600
Depreciation expense	<u>8,677</u>	<u>8,677</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>28,312</u>	<u>28,863</u>
Business-type Activities:		
Water and sewer		
Salaries	67,124	64,529
Payroll taxes	5,388	5,395
Administrative	11,539	18,936
Utilities	18,323	15,357
Repairs and maintenance	1,973	28,522

Insurance	\$13,172	\$10,134
Materials and supplies	23,178	15,638
Testing expense	6,083	6,060
Depreciation expense	53,286	48,990
Transfer out	2,000	3,000
Total Business-type Activities	<u>202,066</u>	<u>216,561</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>230,378</u>	<u>245,424</u>
Governmental Activities:		
Occupational licenses	8,753	8,628
Fees, charges and commissions	2,895	2,815
Other revenue	550	648
Transfer in	2,000	3,000
Business-type - Water sales	<u>208,242</u>	<u>199,120</u>
Total program revenues	<u>222,440</u>	<u>214,211</u>
Net Program Expenses (Revenues)	<u>(7,938)</u>	<u>(31,213)</u>
General revenues (expenses)		
Tax, franchise	6,500	6,192
Interest earned	1,029	864
Interest expense	(36,757)	(37,331)
Intergovernmental:		
State grant		25,000
Federal grant	11,133	251,107
Adjustment for depreciation on capital assets acquired with federal grants	<u>5,495</u>	<u>5,495</u>
Total general revenues (expenses)	<u>(12,600)</u>	<u>251,327</u>
Change in Net Position	(20,538)	220,114
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>1,194,876</u>	<u>974,762</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$1,174,338</u>	<u>\$1,194,876</u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Village of Forest uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2018, the General Fund unreserved, unassigned fund balance of \$23,076 showed an increase of \$1,182 over December 31, 2017.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the revenues of the original budget and the final budget was due to an increase in franchise taxes and operating transfers in and decreases in occupation licenses, fees, charges and commissions, and other revenues. Differences between the expenditures of the original budget and the final budget were due to a decrease in personal services and operating services and an increase in materials and supplies.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Village of Forest's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2018, amounts to \$154,828 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes land, furniture and equipment. There were no increases or decreases in capital outlay for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Long-term debt. At the end of the fiscal year, the Village of Forest had business type activity debt outstanding, in the form of revenue bonds, of \$810,910. During the year ended December 31, 2018, \$12,887 of debt was paid in accordance with the debt agreement.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Village of Forest's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Village of Forest, P.O. Box 338, Forest, LA 71242.

April 3, 2019

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2018

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$22,265	\$215,067	\$237,332
Accounts receivable	1,429	13,903	15,332
Total current assets	23,694	228,970	252,664
Restricted assets - cash and cash equivalents		54,285	54,285
Capital assets - not depreciated	27,500		27,500
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	127,328	1,634,223	1,761,551
TOTAL ASSETS	\$178,522	\$1,917,478	\$2,096,000
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$618	\$1,319	\$1,937
Salaries payable		2,689	2,689
Customer meter deposits		37,145	37,145
Payable from restricted assets - accrued interest		3,041	3,041
Total current liabilities	618	44,194	44,812
Long term liabilities:			
Due in one year		13,483	13,483
Due in more than one year		797,427	797,427
Total long term liabilities	NONE	810,910	810,910
TOTAL LIABILITIES	618	855,104	855,722
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	154,828		154,828
Contributed capital (net of accumulated depreciation on capital assets acquired with federal grant)		65,940	65,940
Restricted		59,223	59,223
Unrestricted	23,076	937,211	960,287
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$177,904	\$996,434	\$1,174,338

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2018

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total Primary Government
Primary Government:			
Governmental Activities:			
Personal services	\$2,771		\$2,771
Operating services	12,913		12,913
Materials and supplies	1,200		1,200
Public safety	2,751		2,751
Depreciation expense	8,677		8,677
Total Governmental Activities	<u>28,312</u>	NONE	<u>28,312</u>
Business-type Activities:			
Water and sewer			
Salaries		\$67,124	67,124
Payroll taxes		5,388	5,388
Administrative		11,539	11,539
Utilities and telephone		18,323	18,323
Repairs and maintenance		1,973	1,973
Insurance		13,172	13,172
Materials and supplies		23,178	23,178
Testing expense		6,083	6,083
Depreciation expense		53,286	53,286
Transfer out		2,000	2,000
Total Business-type Activities	NONE	<u>202,066</u>	<u>202,066</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>28,312</u>	<u>202,066</u>	<u>230,378</u>
Governmental Activities:			
Occupational licenses	8,753		8,753
Fees, charges and commissions	2,895		2,895
Other revenue	550		550
Transfers in	2,000		2,000
Business-type Activity - Water sales		208,242	208,242
Total program revenues	<u>14,198</u>	<u>208,242</u>	<u>222,440</u>
Net Program Expenses (Revenues)	<u>(14,114)</u>	<u>6,176</u>	<u>(7,938)</u>
General revenues (expenses)			
Tax, franchise	6,500		6,500
Interest earned	119	910	1,029
Interest expense		(36,757)	(36,757)
Intergovernmental-			
Federal grant		11,133	11,133
Adjustment for depreciation on capital assets acquired with federal grants		5,495	5,495
Total general revenues (expenses)	<u>6,619</u>	<u>(19,219)</u>	<u>(12,600)</u>
Change in Net Position	(7,495)	(13,043)	(20,538)
Net Position - Beginning of year	185,399	1,009,477	1,194,876
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$177,904</u>	<u>\$996,434</u>	<u>\$1,174,338</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2018

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - WATER ENTERPRISE FUND
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$22,265	\$215,067
Accounts receivables	1,429	13,903
Total current assets	23,694	228,970
Restricted assets - cash and equivalents		54,285
Water system plant and equipment (Net of accumulated depreciation)		1,634,223
TOTAL ASSETS	\$23,694	\$1,917,478
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$618	\$1,319
Salaries payable		2,689
Customer meter deposits		37,145
Payable from restricted assets - accrued interest		3,041
Revenue bonds payable		810,910
Total liabilities	618	855,104
Fund Equity:		
Contributed capital (net of accumulated depreciation on fixed assets acquired with federal grant)		65,940
Net Position:		
Restricted		59,223
Unrestricted		937,211
Total retained earnings	NONE	996,434
Fund balance - unreserved- unassigned	23,076	
Total Fund Equity	23,076	1,062,374
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$23,694	\$1,917,478

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u> <u>General Fund</u>
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Statement C)	<u>\$23,076</u>
Cost of capital assets	\$253,639
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(98,811)</u> <u>154,828</u>
Net Position (Statement A)	<u><u>\$177,904</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES	
Tax, franchise	\$6,500
Occupational licenses	8,753
Fees, charges and commissions	2,895
Use of money and property - interest earnings	119
Other revenue	550
Total revenues	18,817
EXPENDITURES	
General government - current:	
Personal services	2,771
Operating services	12,913
Materials and supplies	1,200
Public safety	2,751
Total expenditures	19,635
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(818)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE-	
Operating transfer in	2,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES	1,182
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	21,894
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$23,076

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>Governmental Fund Type - General Fund</u>
Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	\$1,182
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation for the period.	<u>(8,677)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>(\$7,495)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE -
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Retained Earnings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

OPERATING REVENUES	
Water sales	<u>\$208,242</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries	67,124
Payroll taxes	5,388
Administrative	11,539
Utilities and telephone	18,323
Repairs and maintenance	1,973
Insurance	13,172
Materials and supplies	23,178
Testing Expense	6,083
Depreciation	53,286
Transfer out	2,000
Total Operating Expenses	<u>202,066</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>6,176</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (Expenses)	
Interest income	910
CDBG grant	11,133
Interest expense	<u>(36,757)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (expenses)	<u>(24,714)</u>
NET INCOME	<u>(18,538)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (Use)	
Adjustment for depreciation on capital assets acquired with federal grants	<u>5,495</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)	5,495
TOTAL NET INCOME AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (Use)	<u>(13,043)</u>
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,009,477</u>
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$996,434</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE -
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$6,176</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	53,286
Decrease in accounts receivable	745
Decrease in accounts payable	(3,873)
Increase in salaries payable	2,690
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(48)
Increase in meter deposits	1,240
Total adjustments	<u>54,040</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>60,216</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Decrease in bonds payable	(12,887)
Interest expense	(36,757)
Grant revenue	11,133
Acquisition of assets	<u>(11,133)</u>
Total cash flows from capital and related financing activities	<u>(49,644)</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest earnings	<u>910</u>
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NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

11,482

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR257,870**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR**\$269,352

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Forest, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Village of Forest was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act in 1966. The village operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The mayor and aldermen serve four-year terms which expire on December 31, 2020.

The accompanying financial statements of the Village of Forest have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis -for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the village, for reporting purposes, the Village of Forest is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the village), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Village of Forest for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the village to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the village.

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2. Organizations for which the village does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the village.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based on the previous criteria, the village has determined that there are no component units that are part of the reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The village's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the village as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the village's major funds). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type.

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the village.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position are reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The village first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the village's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the village's general revenues.

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Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The village reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on buildings is assigned to the "general administration" function due to the fact that buildings serve multiple purposes. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the village are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the village. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The village's current operations require the use of only governmental and proprietary funds. The governmental and proprietary fund types used by the village are described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type

General Fund - The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the village and is used to account for the operations of the village's office. The various fees and charges due to the village's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

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Proprietary Fund Type - Water Enterprise Fund

The Water Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the village's water system. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

Both governmental and business type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds and the proprietary type agency funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The village considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is

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recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Franchise taxes and intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the village is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on bank deposits is recorded when the interest has been earned and the amount is determinable.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when they are received by the village.

Based on the above criteria, franchise taxes have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Proprietary Fund Type - Water Enterprise Fund

The Water Enterprise Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the village may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2018, the village has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$291,617.

Demand deposits	\$190,548
Time deposits	101,069
Total	<u>\$291,617</u>

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These deposits of \$291,795 are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The village maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the village, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and building improvements	20 - 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

G. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

The Village of Forest has not adopted vacation and sick leave policies; therefore, there is no liability for compensated absences.

H. RISK MANAGEMENT

The village is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the fire district maintains a commercial insurance policy covering property, employee liability, and public officials liability. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 2018.

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I. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Village reduces restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, the Village reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The Village adopted GASB Statement 54 for the year ended December 31, 2018. As such, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the Village or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Village's highest level of decision-making authority.

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Assigned - represents balances that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are not restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - represents balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$23,076. If applicable, the Village would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

J. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

K. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets represent primarily cash held separately and restricted according to bond indenture agreements. Cash held for water customer deposits is also reported as restricted.

L. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2018:

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	General Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Total
Taxes:			
Franchise	\$1,429		\$1,429
Water accounts		\$13,903	13,903
Total	<u>\$1,429</u>	<u>\$13,903</u>	<u>\$15,332</u>

3. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The following presents changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated -				
Land	\$27,500			\$27,500
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	169,768			169,768
Improvements other than buildings	13,001			13,001
Vehicles	22,443			22,443
Equipment	20,927			20,927
Total assets	253,639	NONE	NONE	253,639
Less accumulated depreciation	90,134	\$8,677		98,811
Net capital assets	<u>\$163,505</u>	<u>(\$8,677)</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$154,828</u>

A summary of proprietary fund type property, plant, and equipment at December 31, 2018, follows:

	Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Water system	\$2,459,865	(\$825,642)	\$1,634,223
Equipment	43,667	(43,667)	NONE
Total	<u>\$2,503,532</u>	<u>(\$869,309)</u>	<u>\$1,634,223</u>

4. PENSION PLAN

The employees of the village are members of the Social Security System. In addition to the employee contributions withheld at 7.65 per cent of gross salary, the village contributes an equal amount to the

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Social Security System. For the year ended December 31, 2018, total salaries paid for 2018 were \$67,435. The village does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

5. REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE

At December 31, 2018, the village has one outstanding issues of long-term revenue bonds. In 2008 the village had a preliminary bond issue for \$912,000. The village received \$755,000 of this issue at December 31, 2008 and the remaining \$157,000 at December, 31, 2009. The issue bears interest at 4.5 per cent per annum. Principal and interest are to be repaid in monthly payments of \$4,141 through July 10, 2048. All long-term debt is to be repaid solely from the income and revenues derived from the operation of the water system.

The following is a summary of revenue bonds payable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Revenue bonds payable at January 1, 2018	\$823,797
Additions	NONE
Reductions	<u>(12,887)</u>
Long-term debt at December 31, 2018	<u>\$810,910</u>

The annual requirements to amortize the revenue bonds outstanding at December 31, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$13,483	\$36,209	\$49,692
2020	14,102	35,590	49,692
2021	14,750	34,942	49,692
2022	15,428	34,264	49,692
2023	16,136	33,556	49,692
2024-2028	92,507	155,953	248,460
2029-2033	115,800	132,660	248,460
2034-2038	144,958	103,502	248,460
2039-2043	181,457	67,003	248,460
2044-2048	<u>202,289</u>	<u>21,539</u>	<u>223,828</u>
Total	<u>\$810,910</u>	<u>\$655,218</u>	<u>\$1,466,128</u>

6. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

In 1990, the village received a grant totaling \$219,800 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration to finance the construction of its water system. The grant amount, shown as contributed capital on the balance sheet, is reduced each year by the amount of depreciation expense

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recognized on fixed assets constructed or acquired with the grant funds. At December 31, 2018, accumulated depreciation on these assets is \$65,940.

7. RESERVED RETAINED EARNINGS

The bond covenant with the Farmers Home Administration for the 1990 revenue bond discussed in note 4 above, requires the village to establish the following reserve accounts:

- A. A "Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund". The village must transfer into this fund, each month, one-twelfth of the principal and interest due on the next principal and interest payment date. This fund is used to pay bond principal and interest as they become due.
- B. A "Water Reserve Fund". The village must transfer into this fund, each month, an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount to be paid into the Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund. Such amounts may be used only for the payment of matured bonds and interest when sufficient funds are not available in the Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund.
- C. A "Water Depreciation and Contingency Fund". The village must transfer into this fund, each month, an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount to be paid into the Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund. The deposits in this fund may be used for unusual or extraordinary maintenance, repairs, replacements, and extensions and for the cost of improvements to the system. Money in this fund may also be used to pay principal and interest on bonds falling due at any time there is not sufficient funds in the other reserve funds.

At December 31, 2018 the village has \$22,078 in restricted accounts to meet reserve requirements. The following is a summary of transactions in the bond reserve accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Reserve for revenue bonds payable at January 1, 2018	\$21,635
Deposits	9,289
Debt service	<u>(8,846)</u>
Reserve for bonds payable at December 31, 2018	<u>\$22,078</u>

8. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Village of Forest is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2018, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Tax, franchise	5,000	\$7,800	\$6,500	(\$1,300)
Occupational licenses	9,000	8,850	8,753	(97)
Fees, charges and commissions	4,000	2,260	2,895	635
Use of money and property - interest earnings			119	119
Other revenues	2,500	100	550	450
Total revenues	<u>20,500</u>	<u>19,010</u>	<u>18,817</u>	<u>(193)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government - current:				
Personal services	5,510	5,460	2,771	2,689
Operating services	12,750	12,470	12,913	(443)
Materials and supplies	2,060	2,600	1,200	1,400
Public safety			2,751	(2,751)
Total expenditures	<u>20,320</u>	<u>20,530</u>	<u>19,635</u>	<u>895</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	180	(1,520)	(818)	702
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE-				
Operating transfer in		2,000	2,000	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>180</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>702</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>21,894</u>	<u>21,894</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$180</u>	<u>\$480</u>	<u>\$23,076</u>	<u>\$22,596</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

A preliminary budget for the ensuing year is prepared for the General Fund by the mayor prior to December 31 of each year and is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is established and controlled by the board of aldermen at the functional level of expenditure. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the village. Appropriations lapse at year end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of aldermen.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential	Monthly minimum for first 2,000 gallons	\$15.00
	Per 1,000 gallons for all over 2,000 gallons	3.50
Commercial	Monthly minimum for first 10,000 gallons	33.00
	Per 1,000 gallons for all over 10,000 gallons	3.50

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Schedule of Insurance Coverage
As of December 31, 2018

Type of Coverage	Name of Insurer	Policy Number	Amount of Coverage	Expiration Date
Commercial General Liability	Allied World	5105-1598-02	Aggregate - \$3,000,000 Each Occurrence - \$1,000,000 Medical Payments -\$10,000	5/1/19
Commercial General Liability	Travelers	ZLP-81M31062-18-PC	Aggregate - \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence - \$1,000,000 Medical Payments -excluded	5/1/19
Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability	Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency	WC-70-0164-1-6091	Statutory	1/1/19
Public Officials and Management Liability	Allied World	5105-1598-02	Each wrongful Act - \$1,000,000	5/1/19
Law Enforcement Liability	Travelers	ZLP-81M31062-17-PC	\$1,000,000	5/1/19
Commercial Crime (includes designated agents)	Travelers	660-6F07377A-TCT-18	\$100,000	5/1/19
Real Property & Business Property Blanket	Allied World	5105-1598-03	\$960,000	5/1/19
Property Coverage Extension Blanket	Allied World	5105-1598-03	\$500,000	5/1/19
Standard Fire - Building	Travelers	660-6F07377A-TCT-18	\$574,300	5/19/19
Standard Fire - Business Personal Property	Travelers	660-6F07377A-TCT-18	INCLUDED	5/19/19
Contractors Equipment	Travelers	660-6F07377A-TCT-18	\$23,000	5/1/19
Commercial Automobile Coverage	Travelers	BA-4F267727-18-PUB	Actual Cash Value	5/1/19

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PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND

Proposed Operating Budget
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019
(Unaudited)

REVENUES

Water	\$212,200
Other	<u>3,000</u>
Total revenues	<u>215,200</u>

EXPENSES

Insurance	13,000
Sales tax	650
Interest expense	5,800
Permits	380
Payroll taxes	23,500
Office	600
Repairs and maintenance	2,500
Salaries	65,000
Supplies	20,000
Administrative expense	11,000
Testing expense	6,000
FmHA	45,000
Postage	2,400
Utilities and telephone	<u>15,000</u>
Total expenses	<u>210,830</u>

NET INCOME

\$4,370

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

COMPENSATION PAID ALDERMEN

The schedule of compensation paid aldermen is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:405, aldermen receive up to \$30 for each regular meeting and \$15 for each special meeting they attend. Compensation of aldermen is included in personal services and related benefits expenditures of the General Fund.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Larry Denmon, Mayor	\$1,500
Polly McKaskle	300
Chad Springer	75
Jone Whorton	<u>300</u>
Total	<u>\$2,175</u>

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

LARRY DENMON, MAYOR

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Meeting reimbursements	<u>\$1,500</u>

**Independent Auditor's Report Required
by *Government Auditing Standards***

The following independent auditor's report on compliance and internal control over financial reporting is presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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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 *Government Auditing Standards***

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I 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, business-type activities and the major fund of the Village of Forest as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Forest's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated April 3, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Village of Forest's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Forest's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Forest's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exist when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2018-001, that I consider to be a significant deficiency.

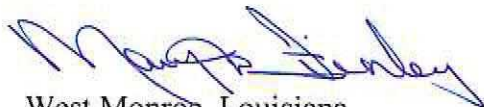
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December 31, 2018

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Village of Forest's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Forest'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 Village of Forest's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



West Monroe, Louisiana
April 3, 2019

VILLAGE OF FOREST
Forest, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Forest.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Village of Forest was disclosed during the audit.
3. One significant deficiency relating to the audit of the financial statements was reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

2018-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition: The segregation of duties is inadequate to provide effective internal control.

Criteria: Adequate segregation of duties is essential to a proper internal control .

Cause of Condition: The condition is due to economic limitations.

Effect of Condition: Not determined.

Recommendation: No action is recommended.

Response: Management concurred with the finding and provided a corrective action plan (See page 47).

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

There were no findings reported in the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Village of Forest

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April 3, 2019

To: Louisiana Legislative Auditors

From: Village of Forest

Re: Findings-Financial Statement- Year ended 2018

In response to the 2018-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

We have segregated the duties as much as the size of our office will allow. My determination to provide effective internal control has been verified in that we have adequately maintained accuracy of all finances. Mayor signs all checks. Mayor and Aldermen review financial statements every month.

Thank You,


Village of Forest, Mayor



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